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DEUT. XXX. 15. *See: I have set before thee this
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CONCERNING

The Great Usefulness of this Book.

IF Man were not a *Rational* Creature, he could not have so much as a Notion of such a thing as *Religion*.

The first Foundation therefore of *Religion* in every Man's Mind, must of Necessity be his *Reason*.

If *Reason* be duly made use of and attended unto; it will clearly teach us, upon sure and certain Principles, That there is a God who made this whole World by his Power, and governs it by, His Providence; and that it is the Duty of us His *Rational* Creatures to worship and obey him.

Reason also will go a great way to inform us of the Particulars of this Worship and Obedience

which we owe to God, and of the Duties to be performed both to our selves and all other Men.

But the greatest Part of Mankind not being sufficient Masters of *Reason*, to find out all these Things, of themselves ; God has been pleased to give us farther and clearer Information of them in the *Holy Scriptures*.

In the same *Scriptures* He has also made divers Things known to us, in order to our eternal Salvation, which *Reason* alone could never have discovered.

It is therefore the Duty of every Man, who desires to be well instructed in *Religion*, to get as much Knowledge as he is able of the *Holy Scriptures*.

Which that he may the better understand, it will be of great Use to him to compare the several principal Passages of *Scripture*, relating to the same Point, one with another. By which means he will, through God's Blessing, come to a farther and better Understanding of each Point of *Religion*; one such Passage of *Scripture* tending to illustrate and confirm what is said in another.

In order to this, the worthy Compiler of this Book has taken much Pains to make a large Collection of such Passages, and to rank them together under their several and respective Titles.

If therefore a Man desires to know what the Mind or Will of God is, touching any Point of *Religion*, (which Knowledge certainly is of the greatest Importance to us) Let him look for that same Point, or Subject, in the *Contents* of this Book ; and there he will be directed where in the Book it self, he may read the principal and
most

most material Passages of *Holy Scripture*, relating to it, laid together in one View.

If a Man every Day, with serious Attention, reads a small Portion of this Book, and so goes often again and again through it; he may thereby be, in a short Time, furnished with competent Knowledge of all those Things which the *Christian Religion* requires to be believed or put in Practice. Which Knowledge may easily be farther improved by the Study of the *Holy Scriptures* themselves, and the careful Reading of a few other Books; neither of which ought to be neglected, as far as a Man has Opportunity and Capacity for it.

If a Man be sincerely a *Christian*; and owns the Divine Authority of the *Holy Scriptures*; he certainly must be much pleased with such a Performance as this; which is nothing but a Collection of plain Sentences out of them, without any Interpretation put upon them, but only what naturally arises from the Words themselves. And therefore I seriously recommend this Book, not only to all Sorts of *Protestants*, but very particularly to those who are of the Communion of the Church of **Rome**; beseeching them to hearken to what *God Himself* has delivered in His *Holy Word*; and not blindfold to venture their Eternal Salvation or Damnation upon the Authority of any Man or Men whatsoever.

I have only farther to put the Reader in Mind, that as often as he seeks for Knowledge out of the *Holy Scriptures*, or out of this or any other Book of Religion and Piety; before he begins to read, he should seriously consider what it is that he is going

going about, and beg God's Blessing upon his Endeavours, in some such pious Ejaculations as these of the Holy Psalmist; *Psal. cxix. 18. Open Thou mine Eyes that I may behold wondrous Things out of thy Law.*

Verse 33. *Teach me, O Lord, the Way of thy Statutes, and I shall keep it unto the End. Give me Understanding, and I shall keep thy Law: yea I shall observe it with my whole Heart.*

Verse 105. *Thy Word is a Lamp unto my Feet, and a Light unto my Path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous Judgments.*

To which it will be very proper to add the following Prayer.

Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our Learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by Patience and Comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Heb. xi. 6. *He that cometh unto God, must believe that he is ; and that he is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

§. I. *God, a Spirit and Invisible.*

John 4. 24. **G**OD is a Spirit : And they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and in Truth.

1 Tim. 6. 15, 16. He is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords ; who only hath Immortality, dwelling in the Light which no Man can approach unto, whom no Man hath seen, nor can see ; to whom be Honour and Power everlasting. *Amen.*

Job 9. 11. Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not : He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

Job

Job 23. 8, 9. Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: On the left hand where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: He hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him.

§. 2. *God Eternal.*

Exod. 15. 18. The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Psal. 10. 16. The Lord is King for ever and ever.

Psal. 145. 13. Thy Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and thy Dominion endureth throughout all Generations.

Psal. 146. 10. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all Generations.

Jer. 10. 10. The Lord is the true God; he is the Living God, and an everlasting King.

Lam. 5. 19. Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; thy Throne from Generation to Generation.

Dan. 4. 34. I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever; whose Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, and his Kingdom is from Generation to Generation.

Dan. 6. 26. I make a decree, that in every dominion of my Kingdom, Men tremble and fear before the God of *Daniel*: for he is the Living God, and stedfast for ever, and his Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his Dominion shall be even unto the end. *Vid. Dan. ch. 2. 44. & 4. 3. & 7. 14, 27.*

Habak. 1. 12. Art not thou from Everlasting, O Lord my God, mine holy One?

Deut. 33. 27. The Eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the everlasting Arms.

Psal. 90. 2. Before the Mountains were brought forth, or ever the Earth or the World were made; thou art God from Everlasting, and World without end.

Rev. 1. 8. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come.

Isai. 44. 6. I am the First, and I am the Last, and besides me there is no God.

§. 3. *God Immutable.*

Mal. 3. 6. I am the Lord, I change not:

Psal. 102. 25. Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the Foundation of the Earth, and the Heavens are the Work of thine Hands.

26, They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: They all shall wax old as doth a Garment; and as a Vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

27. But thou art the same, and thy Years shall not fail.

James 1. 17. With God is no Variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Heb. 13. 8. He is the same, yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

§. 4. *God Omnipotent.*

Gen. 17. 1. I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Gen. 18. 13, 14. The Lord said unto *Abraham*, Wherefore did *Sarah* laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a Child which am old? Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed will I return unto thee, according to the time of Life, and *Sarah* shall have a Son.

Luke 1. 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37. The Angel said, Fear

Fear not, *Mary* ; for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name *Jesus*. Then said *Mary* unto the Angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a Man? And the Angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee : Therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy Cousin *Elizabeth*, she hath also conceived a Son in her old Age : And this is the sixth Month with her, who was called Barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Job 42. 2. I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no Thought can be with-holden from thee.

Exod. 15. 11. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, amongst the Gods? Who is like thee, fearful in Praises, doing Wonders?

2 Sam. 7. 22. Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God ; for there is none like thee.

Psal. 86. 8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord ; neither are there any Works like unto thy Works.

Psal. 89. 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13. The Heavens shall praise thy Wonders, O Lord. For who in the Heaven can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the Sons of the Mighty can be likened unto the Lord? O Lord God of Hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? Thou rulest the raging of the Sea : when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. The Heavens are thine, the Earth also is thine : as for the World, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. The
North

North and South, thou hast created them. Thou hast a mighty Arm : Strong is thy Hand, and high is thy right Hand.

Psal. 136. 4. God alone doth great Wonders.

Isai. 44. 24. I am the Lord that maketh all Things, that stretcheth forth the Heavens alone, that spreadeth abroad the Earth by my self.

Fer. 10. 6. There is none like unto thee, O Lord ; thou art Great, and thy Name is great in Might.

Psal. 145. 3, 4, 5, 6. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ; and his Greatness is Unsearchable. One Generation shall praise thy Works to another, and shall declare thy mighty Acts. I will speak of the glorious Honour of thy Majesty, and of thy wondrous Works. And Men shall speak of the Might of thy terrible Acts ; and I will declare thy Greatness.

Job 5. 9, 10. God doth great Things and Unsearchable, marvellous Things without number. He giveth Rain upon the Earth, and sendeth Waters upon the Fields.

Job 9. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. He is wise in Heart, and mighty in Strength. He removeth the Mountains, and overturneth them in his Anger. He shaketh the Earth out of her Place, and the Pillars thereof tremble. He commandeth the Sun, and it riseth not : and sealeth up the Stars. He alone spreadeth out the Heavens, and treadeth upon the Waves of the Sea. He maketh *Arcturus*, *Orion*, and *Pleiades*, and the Chambers of the South. He doth great Things past finding out ; yea, and Wonders without number.

Rom. 1. 20. The invisible Things of God from the Creation of the World are clearly seen, being

understood by the Things that are made, even his eternal Power and Godhead.

Exod. 4. 11. Who hath made Man's Mouth? or who maketh the Dumb, or Deaf, or the Seeing, or the Blind? have not I the Lord?

Exod. 6. 3. And I appeared unto *Abraham*, unto *Isaac*, and unto *Jacob*, by the Name of God Almighty.

Deut. 3. 24. O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy Servant thy Greatness, and thy mighty Hand: for what God is there in Heaven or in Earth, that can do according to thy Works, and according to thy Might?

Jer. 32. 27. Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all Flesh: Is there any thing too hard for me?

Matth. 19. 26. With Men this is impossible, but with God all Things are possible.

Psal. 115. 3. Our God is in the Heavens, he hath done whatsoever he pleased.

Psal. 135. 6. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in Heaven, and in Earth, in the Seas, and in all deep Places.

Eph. 1. 11. He worketh all Things after the Counsel of his own Will.

Heb. 1. 3. He upholdeth all Things by the Word of his Power.

§. 5. God Omnipresent.

1 Kings 8. 27. Behold, the Heaven, and Heaven of Heavens cannot contain thee. *2 Chron.* 2. 6. & 6. 18. *Josh.* 2. 11. He is God in Heaven above, and in Earth beneath. *Acts* 17. 27, 28. He is not far from every one of us. For in him we live, and move, and have our being. *Isai.* 66. 1. The Heaven

ven is my Throne, and the Earth is my Footstool.

Acts 7. 49. *Eph.* 1. 23. He filleth all in all.

Amos 9. 2, 3, 4. Though they dig into Hell, thence shall my Hand take them: though they climb up into Heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of *Carmel*, I will search and take them out thence: and though they be hid from my Sight in the bottom of the Sea, thence will I command the Serpent, and he shall bite them: And though they go into Captivity before their Enemies, thence will I command the Sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine Eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

Ier. 23. 23, Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

24. Can any hide himself in secret Places, that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill Heaven and Earth? saith the Lord.

Psal. 139. 7, Whither then shall I flee from thy Spirit? or whither shall I go from thy Presence?

8, If I climb up into Heaven, thou art there: If I go down to Hell, thou art there also.

9, If I take the Wings of the Morning, and remain in the uttermost Parts of the Sea;

10, Even there also shall thy Hand lead me, and thy right Hand shall hold me.

11, If I say, peradventure the Darknes shall cover me, then shall my Night be turned to Day.

12. Yea, the Darknes is no Darknes with thee, but the Night is as clear as the Day: The Darknes and the Light to thee are both alike.

§. 6. *God infinitely Wise and Omniscient.*

Prov. 15. 3. The Eyes of the Lord are in every Place, beholding the Evil and the Good.

1 *Sam.* 2. 3. The Lord is a God of Knowledge, and by him Actions are weighed.

1 *Kings* 8. 39. Thou, even thou only, knowest the Hearts of all the Children of Men. 2 *Chron.* 6. 30.

Psal. 147. 5. Great is our Lord, and great is his Power; yea, and his Wisdom is infinite.

Isai. 40. 28. There is no searching of his Understanding.

Heb. 4. 13. Neither is there any Creature that is not manifest in his Sight, but all Things are naked, and opened unto the Eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Dan. 2. 22. He revealeth the deep and secret Things: He knoweth what is in the Darkness, and the Light dwelleth with him.

1 *Sam.* 16. 7. The Lord seeth not as Man seeth: For Man looketh on the outward Appearance, but the Lord looketh on the Heart.

1 *Chron.* 28. 9. The Lord searcheth all Hearts, and understandeth all the Imaginations of the thoughts.

Psal. 7. 9. The righteous God trieth the very Heart and Reins.

Rom. 11. 33. O the depth of the Riches both of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his Judgments, and his Ways past finding out!

Jude 25. To the only Wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

§. 7. *God infinitely Pure and Holy.*

Exod. 15. 11. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, amongst the Gods? Who is like thee, glorious in Holiness?

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Levit. 11. 44, 45. For I am the Lord your God : ye shall therefore sanctifie your selves, and ye shall be Holy ; for I am Holy. Ye shall therefore be Holy, for I am Holy.

Lev. 19. 2. Ye shall be Holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy. *c.* 20. 7, 26.

1 Sam. 2. 2. There is none Holy as the Lord.

Psal. 5. 4. Thou art the God that hast no pleasure in Wickedness : neither shall any Evil dwell with thee.

Hab. 1. 13. Thou art of purer Eyes than to behold Evil, and canst not look on Iniquity.

Isai. 6. 3. Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts.

Psal. 99. 9. O magnifie the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy Hill : For the Lord our God is Holy.

1 Pet. 1. 15. As he who hath called you is Holy, so be ye Holy in all manner of Conversation.

§. 8. *God infinitely Just and Righteous.*

Gen. 18. 25. Shall not the Judge of all the Earth do right ?

Job. 8. 3. Doth God pervert Judgment ? Or doth the Almighty pervert Justice ?

2 Chron. 19. 7. There is no Iniquity with the Lord our God, nor Respect of Persons, nor taking of Gifts.

Dan. 9. 14. The Lord our God is Righteous in all his Works.

Deut. 10. 17, 18. He regardeth not Persons, nor taketh Reward ; he doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and Widow.

Psal. 10. 14. Thou beholdest Mischief and Spite to requite it with thy Hand : the Poor committeth himself unto thee ; thou art the Helper of the Fatherless.

Exod. 9. 27. The Lord is Righteous, and I and my People are Wicked.

Psal. 145. 17. The Lord is Righteous in all his Ways, and Holy in all his Works.

Deut. 32. 4. His Work is Perfect: For all his Ways are Judgment. A God of Truth, and without Iniquity; Just and Right is he.

Psal. 11. 7. The righteous Lord loveth Righteousness, his Countenance doth behold the Thing that is Just.

Jer. 32. 19. His Eyes are open upon all the Ways of the Sons of Men, to give every one according to his Ways, and according to the fruit of his Doings.

Eph. 6. 8. Whatsoever good Thing any Man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord.

Col. 3. 25. But he that doth Wrong, shall receive for the Wrong which he hath done; and there is no Respect of Persons.

Rom. 2. 11. For there is no Respect of Persons with God.

Job 34. 19. He accepteth not the Persons of Princes, nor regardeth the Rich more than the Poor: For they all are the Work of his Hands.

1 Pet. 1. 17. Without Respect of Persons, he judgeth according to every Man's Work.

§. 9. God infinitely Good and Bountiful.

Matth. 19. 17. There is none Good but one, that is God.

Psal. 119. 68. Thou art Good, and dost Good; O teach me thy Statutes.

Psal. 145. 9. The Lord is Loving unto every Man; and his Mercy is over all his Works.

James 1. 5. He giveth to all Men liberally, and upbraideth not.

Matth.

Matth. 5. 45. He maketh his Sun to rise on the Evil, and on the Good ; and sendeth Rain on the Just, and on the Unjust.

Psal. 36. 6. The Lord preserveth Man and Beast.

Psal. 104. 10, He sendeth the Springs into the Rivers, which run among the Hills ;

11, That all Beasts of the Field may drink thereof, and the wild Asses quench their thirst.

12, He watereth the Hills from above : the Earth is filled with the Fruit of his Works.

14, He bringeth forth Grass for the Cattle, and green Herb for the Service of Men.

15, That he may bring Food out of the Earth, and Wine that maketh glad the Heart of Man, and Oyl to make him a chearful Countenance, and Bread to strengthen Man's Heart.

21. The Lions roaring after their Prey, do seek their Meat from God.

Psal. 147. 9. He giveth Fodder unto all Cattle : And feedeth the young Ravens that call upon him.

Psal. 145. 15, The Eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord ; and thou givest them their Meat in due season.

16. Thou openest thy Hand, and fillest all Things living with Plenteousness.

Psal. 36. 7. How excellent is thy Loving-kindness, O God ! therefore the Children of Men put their Trust under the Shadow of thy Wings.

Psal. 31. 19. O how great is thy Goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the Sons of Men.

Psal. 34. 9, O fear the Lord, ye that be his Saints ; For they that fear him lack nothing.

10. They that seek the Lord, shall want no manner of thing that is Good.

§. 10. *God infinitely Gracious and Merciful.*

Exod. 20. 6. Shewing Mercy unto Thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

Exod. 34. 6, 7. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in Goodness and Truth; keeping Mercy for Thousands, forgiving Iniquity, and Transgression, and Sin. *Numb.* 14. 18.

Psal. 86. 5, 15. Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in Mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Thou, O Lord, art a God full of Compassion, and gracious; long-suffering, and plenteous in Mercy and Truth. See *Psal.* 145. 8, 9.

Joel 2. 13. He is Gracious and Merciful, slow to Anger, and of great Kindness, and repenteth him of the Evil. See *Jonah* 4. 2.

Nebem. 9. 17. Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to Anger, and of great Kindness.

Mich. 7. 18. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth Iniquity, and passeth by the Transgressions of the remnant of his Heritage? He retaineth not his Anger for ever, because he delighteth in Mercy.

Ezek. 33. 11. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no Pleasure in the Death of the Wicked, but that the Wicked turn from his way and live: Turn ye, Turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?

2 *Pet.* 3. 9. The Lord is long-suffering to us-ward,

ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Repentance.

Lam. 3. 32, Though he cause Grief, yet will he have Compassion, according, to the multitude of his Mercies.

33. For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men.

Isai. 30. 18. And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be Gracious unto you; therefore will he be exalted, that he may have Mercy upon you.

Psal. 103. 8, The Lord is full of Compassion and Mercy; Long-suffering, and of great Goodness.

9. He will not always be Chiding; neither keepeth he his Anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our Sins; nor rewarded us according to our Wickedness.

11. For look how high the Heaven is in comparison of the Earth; so great is his Mercy also toward them that fear him.

12. Look how wide also the East is from the West; so far hath he set our Sins from us.

13. Yea, like as a Father pitieth his own Children; even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

2 Cor. 1. 3. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all Comforts.

§. II. *God full of Pity and Compassion, and ready to deliver his People in the Day of Affliction or Trouble.*

Exod. 2. 23, 24, 25. The Children of Israel sighed by reason of the Bondage, and they cried; and their Cry came up unto God. And God heard their

their groaning, and God remembred his Covenant with *Abraham*, with *Isaac*, and with *Jacob*: And God looked upon the Children of *Israel*, and God had respect unto them.

Exod. 3. 7, 8. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the Affliction of my People which are in *Egypt*; and have heard their Cry, by reason of their Task-masters: for I know their Sorrows. And I am come down to deliver them from the *Egyptians*.

§. 12. *God most Faithful and True.*

Gen. 21. 1, 2. And the Lord visited *Sarah* as he had said, and the Lord did unto *Sarah* as he had spoken. For *Sarah* conceived, and bare *Abraham* a Son in his old Age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Heb. 11. 11, 12. Through Faith also *Sarah* herself received Strength to conceive Seed, and was delivered of a Child when she was past Age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the Stars of the Sky in multitude, and as the Sand which is by the Sea-shore innumerable.

1 Cor. 1. 9. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the Fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor. 10. 13. God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the Temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Thes. 5. 24. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

2 Thes.

2 Thes. 3. 3. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from Evil.

Tit. 1. 2, 3. In hope of eternal Life, which God that cannot lie, promised before the World began; but hath in due times manifested his Word through Preaching.

Psal. 89. 34. My Covenant will I not break, nor alter the Thing that is gone out of my Lips.

Matth. 24. 35. Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my Words shall not pass away.

Numb. 23. 19. God is not a Man, that he should lie; neither the Son of Man, that he should repent. Hath the Lord said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
1 Sam. 15. 29.

2 Tim. 2. 13. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful, he cannot deny himself.

Deut. 7. 9. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God.

Psal. 105. 42. He remembred his holy Promise, and *Abraham* his Servant.

1 Kings 8. 56. There hath not failed one Word of all his good Promise, which he promised by the Hand of *Moses* his Servant.

Josh. 21. 45. There failed not ought of any good Thing, which the Lord had spoken unto the House of *Israel*: all came to pass.

Josh. 23. 14. Behold, this Day I am going the way of all the Earth; and ye know in all your Hearts and in all your Souls, that not one thing hath fail'd of all the good Things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one Thing hath fail'd thereof.

Ezek. 24. 14. I the Lord have spoken it, it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent: According to thy Ways, and according to thy Doings shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.

1 Kings 8. 23, 24. Lord God of *Israel*, there is no God like thee, in Heaven above, or on Earth beneath, who keepest Covenant and Mercy with thy Servants, that walk before thee with all their Heart: who hast kept with thy Servant *David* my Father that thou promisedst him.

Acts 13. 23. Of the Seed of *David*, according to his Promise, he raised unto *Israel* a Saviour, Jesus.

32. And we declare unto you glad Tidings, how that the Promise which was made unto the Fathers,

33. God hath fulfilled the same unto us their Children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again.

2 Pet. 1. 4. By him are given unto us exceeding great and precious Promises.

2 Cor. 1. 20. And all the Promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the Glory of God by us.

2 Cor. 7. 1. Having therefore these Promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse our selves from all filthiness of the Flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God.

Heb. 10. 23. Let us hold fast the Profession of our Faith without wavering, because he is faithful that promised.

C H A P. II.

Concerning the Trinity in Unity.

§ 1. One God alone.

Exod. **T**HOU shalt have no other Gods before
20. 3. me. *Deut.* 5. 7.

Mal. 2. 10. Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?

1 Cor. 12. 6. There are diversities of Operations, but it is the same God, which worketh all in all.

Eph. 4. 6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Psal. 86. 10. Thou art great, and dost wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

2 Sam. 22. 32. Who is God, save the Lord? And who is a Rock, save our God? *Psal.* 18. 31.

2 Sam. 7. 22. Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our Ears. *1 Sam.* 2. 2. *1 Chron.* 17. 20.

2 Kings 19. 15. O Lord God of *Israel*, which dwellest between the Cherubims; Thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the Kingdoms of the Earth.

Deut. 6. 4. Hear, O *Israel*, the Lord our God is one Lord.

Deut. 4. 35, Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God, there is none else besides him. *Mark* 12. 29.

39. Know therefore this Day, and consider it in thine Heart, that the Lord he is God in Heaven above, and upon the Earth beneath; there is none else. *1 Kings* 8. 60.

1 Cor. 8. 4, We know that an Idol is nothing in the World, and that there is none other God but One.

5, For

5, For tho' there be that are called Gods, whether in Heaven, or in Earth, (as there be Gods many, and Lords many :)

6. Yet to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him.

Ifai. 45. 5. I am the Lord and there is none else : There is no God besides me. *v.* 18, 22.

Deut. 32. 39. See now that I, even I am he, and there is no God with me. I kill, and I make alive ; I wound, and I heal : Neither is there any that can deliver out of my Hand.

Ifai. 44. 8. Fear ye not, neither be afraid : Have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it ? Ye are even my Witnesses. Is there a God besides me ? Yea, there is no God, I know not any.

Ifai. 43. 10. Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11. I, even I am the Lord : And besides me there is no Saviour.

Ifai. 37. 16. O Lord of Hosts, God of *Israel*, that dwellest between the Cherubims ; thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the Kingdoms of the Earth.

§ 2. Three Persons.

Matth. 28. 19. Go, teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

1 *John* 5. 7. For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost : And these three are one.

1 *Cor.* 12. 4, There are Diversities of Gifts, but the same Spirit.

5, And there are Differences of Administrations, but the same Lord.

6. And

6. And there are Diversities of Operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

2 Cor. 13. 14. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

1 Pet. 1. 2. Unto the Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through Sanctification of the Spirit unto Obedience, and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ; Grace and Peace be multiplied. *Amen.*

C H A P. III.

Concerning Man in his Creation, Fall, and Recovery; wherein the Goodness of God to Mankind does most eminently appear.

§ 1. *Man's Creation.*

Gen. 1. 26. **A**ND God said; Let us make Man in our own Image, after our Likeness.

27. And so God created Man in his own Image, in the Image of God created he him.

Gen. 2. 7. And the Lord God formed Man of the Dust of the Ground, and breathed into his Nostrils the Breath of Life, and Man became a living Soul.

Gen. 5. 1. In the Day that God created Man, in the Likeness of God made he him.

Eccles. 7. 29. God made Man upright.

1 Cor. 11. 7. Man is the Image and Glory of God.

Psal. 8. 4, What is Man that thou art mindful of him? And the Son of Man that thou visitest him?

5, For thou hast made him a little lower than the Angels, and hast crown'd him with Glory and Honour.

6, Thou madest him to have Dominion over the Works

Works of thy Hands: Thou hast put all things under his Feet.

§ 2. *Man's Fall.*

Gen. 2. 16, And the Lord God commanded the Man, saying, Of every Tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat.

17. But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the Day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

Gen. 3. 4. And the Serpent said unto the Woman, ye shall not surely die.

Gen. 3. 17, 18, 19. To *Adam* God said, Because thou hast hearkened to the Voice of thy Wife, and hast eaten of the Tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: Cursed is the Ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the Days of thy Life. Thorns also and Thistles shall it bring forth to thee: And thou shalt eat the Herb of the Field. In the Sweat of thy Face shalt thou eat Bread, till thou return unto the Ground; For out of it wast thou taken; for Dust thou art, and unto Dust shalt thou return. *Ib.* v. 22, 23, 24. And the Lord God said, Behold, the Man is become as one of us, to know Good and Evil; and now lest he put forth his Hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live for ever. Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of *Eden*, to till the Ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the Man; and he placed at the East of the Garden of *Eden*, Cherubims, and a flaming Sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree of Life.

Prov. 20. 9. Who can say, I have made my Heart clean, I am pure from my Sin?

1 John 1. 8. If we say that we have no Sin, we deceive our selves, and the Truth is not in us.

James 3. 3. In many things we offend all.

5, For God doth know, that in the Day ye eat thereof, then your Eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as Gods, knowing Good and Evil.

6. And when the Woman saw that the Tree was good for Food, and that it was pleasant to the Eyes, and a Tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the Fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her Husband with her, and he did eat.

Rom. 5. 12. Thus by one Man Sin entred into the World, and Death by Sin; and so Death passed upon all Men, for that all have sinned.

Rom. 3. 23. For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God. *1 Kings* 8. 46. *2 Chron.* 6. 36.

Eccles. 7. 20. There is not a just Man upon Earth, that doth good, and sinneth not.

Psal. 51. 5. Behold, I was shapen in Iniquity, and in Sin did my Mother conceive me.

Job 14. 4. Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.

John 3. 3. Except a Man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

6. For that which is born of the Flesh, is Flesh.

1 Cor. 15. 50. And Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.

Rom. 7. 18, I know that in me, that is, in my Flesh, dwelleth no good thing. For to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good, I find not.

19, For the good that I would, I do not: But the Evil which I would not, that I do.

24. O wretched Man that I am, who shall deliver me from the Body of this Death!

§ 3. *Man's Recovery.*

Gen. 3. 15. I will put Enmity between thee and the Woman, and between thy Seed and her Seed: It shall bruise thy Head, and thou shalt bruise his Heel.

Jo. 12. 31. Now is the Judgment of this World: Now shall the Prince of this World be cast out.

1 *Jo. 3. 8.* For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil.

Col. 2. 15. Having spoiled Principalities and Powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 10. 17, 18, 19, 20. The seventy returned again with Joy, saying, Lord, even the Devils are subject unto us through thy Name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as Lightning, fall from Heaven. Behold, I give unto you Power to tread on Serpents and Scorpions, and over all the Power of the Enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoyce not that the Spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoyce, because your Names are written in Heaven.

Rom. 16. 20. The God of Peace shall bruise Satan under your Feet shortly.

Rev. 12. 9, 10, 11. And the great Dragon was cast out, that old Serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole World: He was cast out into the Earth, and his Angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud Voice, saying in Heaven, Now is come Salvation, and Strength, and

and the Kingdom of our God, and the Power of his Christ: For the Accuser of our Brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God Day and Night. And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb.

Rom. 5. 19. As by one Man's Disobedience many were made Sinners; so by the Obedience of one, shall many be made righteous.

1 Cor. 15. 22. And as in *Adam* all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Rom. 6. 23. The Wages of Sin is Death: But the Gift of God is eternal Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 3. 16, For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting Life.

17. For God sent not his Son into the World to condemn the World; but that the World thro' him might be saved.

1 John 4. 10. Herein is Love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the Propitiation for our Sins.

Acts 10. 43. To him give all the Prophets Witness, that through his Name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive Remission of Sins.

Acts 4. 12. Neither is there Salvation in any other: For there is none other Name under Heaven given among Men whereby we must be saved.

1 Tim. 2. 5. There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Men, the Man Christ Jesus.

1 John 2. 1, If any Man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous;

2. And he is the Propitiation for our Sins : And not for ours only, but also for the Sins of the whole World.

John 3. 36. He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life ; and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see Life ; but the Wrath of God abideth on him.

I John 5. 10, He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the Witness in himself :

11. And this is the Record, that God hath given to us eternal Life ; and this Life is in his Son.

I Tim. 1. 15. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the World to save Sinners.

John 1. 14. He was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.

I Pet. 4. 1. He suffered for us in the Flesh.

Heb. 2. 14, He also took part of the same, that through Death he might destroy him that had the power of Death, that is, the Devil ;

15. And deliver them who through fear of Death were all their Life-time subject to Bondage.

I Cor. 15. 55, O Death, where is thy Sting ? O Grave, where is thy Victory ?

56, The Sting of Death is Sin, and the Strength of Sin is the Law.

57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal. 3. 13. Who hath redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, being made a Curse for us.

I Pet. 1. 18, So that we were redeemed, not with corruptible Things, as Silver and Gold ;

19. But with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish, and without spot.

1 *John* 1. 7. And the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all Sin.

Rom. 8. 34. And now, Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died; yea, rather that is risen again; who is even at the right Hand of God; who also maketh Intercession for us.

Heb. 7. 25. He is able to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him.

1 *Pet.* 1. 3, Blessed therefore be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant Mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively Hope, by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4. To an Inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for us.

P A R T II.

Concerning Man's Duty towards God, and the contrary Sins.

C H A P. I.

§. I. *Of the Love of God.*

Matth. 22. 37, **T**Hou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind.

38. This is the first and great Commandment.

John 14. 15, If ye love me, keep my Commandments.

21. He

21. He that hath my Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.

1 *John* 5. 3. This is the Love of God, that we keep his Commandments: and his Commandments are not grievous.

Exod. 20. 6. God sheweth mercy unto thousands of them that love him, and keep his Commandments.

Neb. 1. 5. He keepeth Covenant and Mercy for them that love him, and observe his Commandments.

Psal. 145. 20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

1 *John* 4. 18. There is no fear in Love; but perfect Love casteth out fear.

Rom. 8. 28. And we know that all Things work together for good to them that love God.

1 *Cor.* 8. 3. If any Man love God, the same is known of him.

James 1. 12. A Crown of Life the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 2. 5. A Kingdom God hath promised to them that love him.

1 *Cor.* 2. 9. Eye hath not seen, nor Ear heard, neither have entred into the Heart of Man, the Things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Josh. 23. 11. Take good heed therefore unto your selves, that ye love the Lord your God.

§. 2. *Of the Hatred of God.*

Deut. 7. 10. God repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

Exod.

Exod. 20. 5. I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me.

Deut. 32. 41. If I whet my glittering Sword, and mine Hand take hold on Judgment; I will render Vengeance to mine Enemies, and I will reward them that hate me.

Psal. 21. 8, All thine Enemies shall feel thy Hand: Thy right Hand shall find out them that hate thee.

9. Thou shalt make them like a fiery Oven in the time of thy Wrath: The Lord shall destroy them in his Displeasure, and the Fire shall consume them.

Psal. 68. 1, Let God arise, and let his Enemies be scattered: Let them also that hate him flee before him.

2. Like as the Smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: And like as Wax melteth at the Fire, so let the Ungodly perish at the Presence of God.

§. 3. *Of the immoderate Love of any other Thing.*

Matth. 10. 37. He that loveth Father or Mother more than me, is not worthy of me: And he that loveth Son or Daughter more than me, is not worthy of me.

2 *Tim.* 3. 2, Men shall be lovers of their own selves,

4, And lovers of Pleasures more than lovers of God:

5. From such turn away.

1 *John* 2. 15, Love not the World, neither the Things

Things that are in the World. If any Man love the World, the Love of the Father is not in him.

16. For all that is in the World, the lust of the Flesh, the lust of the Eyes, and the pride of Life, is not of the Father ; but is of the World.

James 4. 4. Know ye not that the friendship of the World is Enmity with God ? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the World, is the Enemy of God.

1 *Tim.* 6. 10. The love of Money is the root of all evil ; which while some covered after, they have erred from the Faith ; and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

CH A P. II

§. 1. Of the Fear of God.

Exod. 14. 31. **A**ND *Israel* saw that great Work, which the Lord did upon the *Egyptians* ; and the People feared the Lord.

Jer. 5. 22. Fear ye not me, saith the Lord ? Will ye not tremble at my presence ?

Jer. 10. 6, There is none like unto thee, O Lord : Thou art great, and thy Name is great in might.

7. Who would not fear thee, O King of Nations ?

Psal. 76. 7. Thou, even thou art to be feared : And who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry ?

Psal. 90. 11. Who knoweth the power of thy wrath ? for even thereafter as a Man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

Psal. 114. 7. Tremble thou Earth at the presence of the Lord ; at the presence of the God of *Jacob.*

Psal.

Psal. 33. 8. Let all the Earth fear the Lord: stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the World.

Prov. 23. 17. Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

Phil. 2. 12. Work out your own Salvation with fear and trembling.

Psal. 130. 4. There is Mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

Prov. 8. 13. The fear of the Lord is to hate Evil.

Prov. 16. 6. And by the fear of the Lord Men depart from Evil.

Prov. 14. 27. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of Life, to depart from the snares of Death.

Job 28. 28. Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil, is understanding.

Prov. 28. 14. Happy is the Man that feareth alway.

Psal. 147. 11. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him.

Eccles. 8. 12. I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him.

Exod. 10. 21. And it came to pass, because the Midwives feared God, that he made them Houses.

Prov. 10. 27. The fear of the Lord longeth days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Prov. 19. 23. The fear of the Lord tendeth to Life; and he that hath it, shall abide satisfied: He shall not be visited with Evil.

Psal. 34. 7. The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Psal. 33. 18, Behold, the Eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,

19. To deliver their Soul from Death, and to keep them alive in Famine.

Psal. 85. 9. Surely his Salvation is nigh them that fear him.

Luke 1. 50. His Mercy is on them that fear him, from Generation to Generation.

Psal. 115. 13. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

Psal. 34. 9. O fear the Lord, ye his Saints: For there is no want to them that fear him.

Deut. 5. 29. O that there were such an Heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my Commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their Children for ever.

§. 2. Of the Contempt of God.

Exod. 5. 2. And *Pharaoh* said, who is the Lord that I should obey his Voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.

2 Kings 18. 35. Who are they among all the Gods of the Countries, that have delivered their Country out of mine hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

Dan. 3. 15. Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

Job 21. 15. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?

Psal. 10. 13. Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God?

Prov. 14. 2. He that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

1 Sam. 2. 30. They that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

2 Sam. 12. 9, Wherefore hast thou despised the Com-

Commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight ?

10. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house, because thou hast despised me.

Psal. 107. 11, Because they rebelled against the Word of God, and contemned the Counsel of the most High :

12. Therefore he brought down their heart with labour ; they fell down, and there was none to help.

Amos 2. 4, Thus saith the Lord, for three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof ; because they have despised the Law of the Lord, and have not kept his Commandments, and their Lies caused them to err, after the which their Fathers have walked.

5. I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

§. 3. Of Carnal Security.

Prov. 5. 1. Fools consider not that they do Evil.

Rom. 3. 18. There is no fear of God before their Eyes.

Psalms 10. 4. God is not in all *their* thoughts.

Hos. 7. 2. They consider not in their hearts, that I remember all their wickedness.

Prov. 30. 20. Such is the way of an adulterous woman : She eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

Eccles. 11. 9. Rejoyce, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth ; and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes : But know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into Judgment.

Luke 12. 19, The rich Man said, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many Years ; Take thine Ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20. But

20. But God said unto him, Thou Fool, this night thy Soul shall be required of thee : then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided ?

Dan. 5. 1, Belshazzar the King made a great feast to a thousand of his Lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

3, Then they brought the golden Vessels that were taken out of the Temple of the house of God, which was at *Jerusalem* ; and the King and his Princes, his Wives and his Concubines drank in them.

4, They drunk wine, and praised the Gods of Gold, and Silver, of Brasses, of Iron, of Wood, and of Stone.

5, In the same hour came forth fingers of a Man's hand, and wrote over against the Candlestick upon the plaister of the Wall of the Kings palace ; and the King saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6, Then the Kings Countenance was changed, and his Thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

30. And in that night was Belshazzar the King of the Chaldeans slain.

Isai. 22. 12, In that day did the Lord God of Hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness and to girding with sackcloth.

13, And behold joy and gladness, slaying Oxen, and killing Sheep, eating Flesh, and drinking Wine : Let us eat and drink for to morrow we dye.

14. And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord of Hosts, surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you, till ye dye, saith the Lord God of Hosts.

Psal. 94. 7. Tush, say the wicked, the Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of *Jacob* regard it.

Isai.

Isai. 56. 12. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill our selves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

1 Thess. 5. 3. But when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with Child, and they shall not escape.

Luke 17. 26, And as it was in the days of *Noah*, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man.

27, They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that *Noah* entred into the Ark: And the flood came and destroyed them all.

28, Likewise also as it was in the days of *Lot*; they did eat, they drank, they bought they sold, they planted, they builded:

29, But the same day that *Lot* went out of *Sodom*, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Mark 13. 32, But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no not the Angels which are in Heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33, Take ye heed; watch and pray: For ye know not when the time is.

35, 36. Watch ye therefore, lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

§. 4. Of Fearing any other more than God.

Exod. 1. 17. But the Midwives feared God, and did not as the King of *Egypt* commanded them, but saved the Men-children alive.

Matth.

Matth. 10. 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul : but rather fear him, which is able to destroy both body and soul in Hell.

Luke 12. 4. Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear. Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell : Yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Heb. 11. 27. By faith *Moses* forsook *Agypt*, not fearing the wrath of the King : For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Isai. 51. 12. Who art thou that thou shouldest be afraid of a Man that shall dye, and of the Son of Man, which shall be made as grass ?

13. And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the Earth, and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the Oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy ? And where is the Fury of the Oppressor ?

Isai. 57. 11. Of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembred me, nor laid it to thy heart ?

1 *Pet. 3. 13.* Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good ?

14. Be not afraid of their terrour, neither be troubled.

Isai. 8. 12. Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

13. But sanctifie the Lord God of Hosts himself, and let him be your fear, let him be your dread.

C H A P. III.

§. I. Of Humility towards God.

Gen. 18. **A**Nd *Abraham* said, Behold now I have
27. taken upon me to speak unto the
Lord, which am but Dust and Ashes.

Isai. 6. 5. Wo is me, for I am undone, because
I am a Man of unclean Lips : For mine Eyes have
seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.

Prov. 22. 4. By Humility and the Fear of the
Lord, are Riches, and Honour, and Life.

Isai. 57. 15. Thus saith the high and lofty one
that inhabiteth Eternity, whose Name is Holy ; I
dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that
is of a contrite and humble Spirit ; to revive the
Spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the
contrite ones.

Jam. 4. 10. Humble your selves in the sight of
the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

1 Pet. 5. 6. Humble your selves under the mighty
hand of God, that he may exalt you in due
time.

2 Sam. 7. 18. Who am I, O Lord God ? And
what is my house, that thou hast brought me hi-
therto ?

Gen. 32. 10. I am not worthy of the least of all
the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast
shewed unto thy Servant.

Matth. 8. 8. I am not worthy that thou shouldest
come under my roof.

Psal. 131. 1. Lord, I am not high-minded : I have
no proud looks.

2, I do not exercise my self in great Matters,
which are too high for me.

3. But

3. But I refrain my Soul, and keep it low, like as a Child that is weaned from his Mother; yea, my Soul is even as a weaned Child.

Matth. 18. 4. Whosoever shall humble himself as this little Child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matth. 5. 3. Blessed are the poor in Spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

§. 2. Of Pride.

Prov. 16. 18. Pride goeth before destruction: and an haughty Spirit before a fall.

Isai. 2. 11. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down.

Psal. 75. 5, I said unto the Fools, Deal not so madly; and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

6. Set not up your horn on high; and speak not with a stiff neck.

1 Sam. 2. 3. Talk no more so exceeding proudly, let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: For the Lord is a God of Knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

Prov. 15. 25. The Lord will destroy the house of the Proud.

Dan. 4. 37. Those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Jer. 50. 29. Call together the archers against *Babylon*: All ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape. Recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: For she hath been proud against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel.

Ezek. 28. 2. Say unto the Prince of *Tyrus*, thus saith

saith the Lord God ; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the Seat of God, in the midst of the Seas :

6, Therefore thus saith the Lord God, because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God ;

7, Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the Nations : And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the Seas.

Dan. 5. 18, O thou King, the most high God gave *Nebuchadnezzar* thy father a Kingdom, and Majesty, and Glory, and Honour.

20, But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly Throne, and they took his Glory from him.

21, And he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses.

22, And thou his Son, O *Belshazzar*, hast not humbled thine heart though thou knewest all this ;

23, But hast lifted up thy self against the Lord of Heaven.

26, God therefore hath numbred thy Kingdom, and finished it.

27, Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28. Thy Kingdom is divided, and given to the *Medes and Persians*.

Obad. 3, The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee : Thou that dwellest in the Clefts of the Rock,

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whose habitation is high, that saith in his heart,
Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4. Though thou exalt thy self as the Eagle, and
though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence
will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

Prov. 16. 5. Every one that is proud in heart, is
an abomination to the Lord : Though hand join in
hand, he shall not be unpunished.

C H A P. IV.

§. I. Of Obedience to God.

Gen. 22. 16, **B**Y my self have I sworn, saith the
17. 18. Lord; for because thou hast done
this thing, and hast not with-held thy Son, thine
only Son ; That in blessing I will bless thee, and
in multiplying I will multiply thy Seed as the Stars
of Heaven, and as the Sand which is upon the
Sea-shore ; and thy Seed shall possess the gate of
his Enemies ; And in thy Seed shall all the Nations
of the Earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed
my Voice.

Gen. 26. 3, 4, 5. I will be with thee, and will
bless thee : for unto thee, and unto thy Seed I will
give all these Countries, and I will perform the
Oath which I sware unto *Abraham* thy Father. And
I will make thy Seed to multiply as the Stars of
Heaven, and will give unto thy Seed all these
Countries ; and in thy Seed shall all the Nations
of the Earth be blessed. Because that *Abraham* o-
beyed my Voice, and kept my Charge, my Com-
mandments, my Statutes, and my Laws.

Jer. 7. 23. Obey my Voice, and I will be your
God, and ye shall be my People ; and walk ye in all
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the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Exod. 19. 5. If ye will obey my Voice indeed, and keep my Covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar Treasure unto me above all People.

Psal. 103. 17. The merciful Goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever, upon them that fear him; and his Righteousness upon Childrens Children;

18. Even upon such as keep his Covenant, and think upon his Commandments to do them.

Exod. 19. 8. And all the People answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do.

Exod. 24. 3, 7. And *Moses* came and told the People all the Words of the Lord, and all the Judgments: And all the People answered with one Voice, and said, All the Words, which the Lord hath said, we will do. And he took the Book of the Covenant, and read in the Audience of the People: and they said, All that the Lord hath said, will we do, and be obedient. *Deut.* 5. 27.

Job 36. 11. If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their Days in Prosperity, and their Years in Pleasures.

Rev. 22. 14. Blessed are they that do his Commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the Gates into the City.

Heb. 5. 9. Christ is the Author of Eternal Salvation to all them that obey him.

Exod. 24. 7. All that the Lord hath said, will we do, and be obedient.

Josh. 24. 24. The Lord our God will we serve, and his Voice will we obey.

Jer. 42. 6. Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the Voice of the Lord our God.

§. 2. *Of Disobedience to God.*

1 Sam. 13. 13, And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly : Thou hast not kept the Commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee : for now would the Lord have established thy Kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14. But now thy Kingdom shall not continue : The Lord hath sought him a Man after his own Heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be Captain over his People, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

1 Kings 13. 21, And the Prophet cryed unto the Man of God that came from Judah, saying, thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the Mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the Commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee ;

22. But camest back, and hast eaten Bread and drunk Water in the Place, of which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no Bread, and drink no Water ; thy Carcase shall not come unto the Sepulchre of thy Fathers.

Deut. 8. 20. As the Nations which the Lord destroyeth before your Face, so shall ye perish, because ye would not be obedient unto the Voice of the Lord your God.

Josh. 5. 6. And so the Children of Israel walked forty Years in the Wilderness, till all the People that were Men of War, which came out of *Aegypt*, were consumed, because they obeyed not the Voice of the Lord.

1 Sam. 12. 15. If ye will not obey the Voice of the Lord, but rebel against the Commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your Fathers.

Jer. 18. 9, At what Instant I shall speak concerning a Nation, and concerning a Kingdom, to build and to plant it.

10. If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my Voice, then I will repent of the good wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Jer. 12. 17. Yea, If they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that Nation, saith the Lord.

Col. 3. 6. Thus the Wrath of God cometh on the Children of Disobedience.

Rome 1. 18. For the Wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Men, who hold the Truth in Unrighteousness.

Rom. 2. 6, And God will render to every man according to his Deeds ;

8. To them that do not obey the Truth, but obey Unrighteousness, Indignation and Wrath ; Tribulation and Anguish upon every Soul of Man that doth Evil.

CHAP. V.

§. 1. Of Submission to God,

2 Kings 20. 19. **T**Hen said *Hezekiah* unto *Isaiab*, Good is the Word of the Lord which thou hast spoken.

1 Sam. 3. 18. It is the Lord ; let him do what seemeth him good.

2 Sam.

2 Sam. 15. 26. Behold, here am I; let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

Psal. 39. 10. I became dumb and opened not my Mouth, because it was thy doing.

2 Kings 16. 10. And the King said, so let him [*viz. Shimei*] curse, because the Lord hath said unto him, curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11. Let him alone, and let him curse: for the Lord hath bidden him.

12. It may be that the Lord will look on mine Affliction, that the Lord will requite me Good for his Cursing this day.

Job 1. 21. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Job. 2. 10. What? shall we receive Good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive Evil?

Matth. 26. 39. O my Father, if it be possible, let this Cup pass from me: Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

James 5. 10. Take, my brethren, the Prophets who have spoken in the Name of the Lord, for an Example of suffering Affliction, and of Patience.

11. Ye have heard of the Patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender Mercy.

Heb. 12. 1. Let us run with Patience the Race that is set before us,

2, Looking unto Jesus the Author, and Finisher of our Faith; who for the Joy that was set before him, endured the Cross, despising the Shame, and is set down at the right Hand of the Throne of God.

3, Consider him, lest ye be wearied, and faint in your Minds.

5, My

5, My Son, despise not thou the Chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him.

6, For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth; and scourgeth every Son, whom he receiveth.

7, If ye endure Chastening, God dealeth with you as with Sons: for what Son is he, whom the Father chasteneth not?

8. But if ye be without Chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye Bastards, and not Sons.

Psal. 119. 71. It is good for me, that I have been afflicted.

James 5. 11. Behold, we count them happy which endure.

2 Cor. 4. 17. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

§. 2. Of Murmuring.

Exod. 16. 2. And the whole Congregation of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the Wilderness.

3, And the Children of Israel said unto them, would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

8. And Moses said, the Lord heareth your Murmurings which ye murmur against him. And what are we? your Murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.

Numb. 14. 2, And all the Children of Israel murmured against Moses, and against Aaron: and the whole Congregation said unto them, would God that we had died in the land of Egypt, or would God that we had died in the wilderness: 3, And

3, And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our Wives and our Children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into *Egypt*?

4, And they said one to another, let us make a Captain, and let us return into *Egypt*.

26, And the Lord spake unto *Moses*, and unto *Aaron*, saying,

27. How long shall I bear with this evil Congregation which murmur against me? I have heard the Murmurings of the Children of *Israel*, which they murmur against me.

28, Say unto them, as truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29, Your Carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbred of you, according to your whole number from twenty and upward, which have murmured against me,

30. Doubtless ye shall not come into the land concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save *Caleb* the Son of *Jephunneh*, and *Joshua* the Son of *Nun*.

Numb. II. I. And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it, and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the Camp.

Psal. 106. 25, And when they murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord:

26, Then lift he up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27. To cast out their Seed among the Nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

1 Cor. 10. 6, Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

10. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Phil. 2. 14. Do all things without murmurings and disputings.

CHAP. VI.

§. 1. Of Trust in God.

Psal. 37. 5. **C**OMMIT thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psal. 55. 22. Cast thy burthen upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.

1 Pet. 5. 7. Cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Matth. 6. 31, Take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Rom. 8. 32. And he that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all: how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Psal. 2. 12. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psal. 32. 11. Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, Mercy embraceth him on every side.

Psal. 125. 1. They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the mount Zion, which may not be removed, but stands fast for ever.

Psal. 27. 1. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation;

vation ; Whom then shall I fear ? The Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?

3. Though an Host of Men were laid against me, yet shall not my Heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

Psal. 56. 4. In God have I put my trust : I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Psal. 62. 7, In God is my health, and my glory ; the rock of my might ; and in God is my trust.

8. O put your trust in him alway, ye people ; pour out your heart before him, for God is our hope.

Isai. 26. 4. Trust ye in the Lord for ever : For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Psal. 118. 8, It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in Man.

9. It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in Princes.

Psal. 20. 7. Some put their trust in Chariots, and some in Horses : But we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

Psal. 44. 6. Through thee will we overthrow our Enemies ; and in thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

Psal. 22. 4, Our Fathers hoped in thee ; they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5. They called upon thee, and were holpen : they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

Psal. 84. 13. O Lord God of Hosts, blessed is the Man that putteth his trust in thee.

2 *Chron.* 14. 11, 12. And *Asha* cried unto the Lord, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether

ther with many, or with them that have no power :
 Help us, O Lord our God ; for we rest on thee, and
 in thy Name we go against this multitude : O Lord,
 Thou art our God, let not Man prevail against thee.
 So the Lord smote the *Ethiopians* before *Aſa*, and
 before *Judah*, and the *Ethiopians* fled, &c. v. 13,
 14, 15.

§ 2. Of Distrust.

Pſal. 77. 7, Will the Lord caſt off for ever ? and
 will he be favourable no more ?

8, Is his mercy clean gone for ever ? Or doth his
 promiſe fail for evermore ?

9, Hath God forgotten to be Gracious ? Hath he
 in anger ſhut up his tender Mercies ?

10, And I ſaid, This is my *Infirmity* : but I will
 remember the years of the right hand of the moſt
 High.

11. I will remember the works of the Lord : ſure-
 ly I will remember thy wonders of old.

Pſal. 78. 11, *When the Iſraelites forgot Gods works,*
 and his wonders that he had ſhewed them.

18, *When they tempted God in their heart, by*
 asking meat for their luſt.

19, *When they ſpoke againſt God, ſaying, Can*
 God furniſh a table in the wilderneſs ?

20, Behold, he ſmote the rock, that the waters
 guſhed out, and the ſtreams overflowed : But can
 he give bread alſo ? can he provide fleſh for his
 people ?

21, *Then the Lord heard this, and was wrath :*
 and ſo a fire was kindled againſt *Jacob*, and anger
 alſo came up againſt *Iſrael*,

22. *Be cauſe they believed not in God, and truſt-*
 ed not in his Salvation.

Matth.

Matth. 14. 29. Peter come down out of the ship; and walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30, But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid : and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Heb. 10. 35. Cast not away therefore your Confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

§. 3. Of Trusting in any Other.

Psal. 146. 2. O put not your trust in Princes ; not in any Child of Man : for there is no help in them.

Jer. 17. 5. Cursed be the Man that trusteth in Man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

Isai. 31. 1. Wo to them that go down to *Egypt* for help, and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many ; and in horse-men, because they are very strong : but they look not unto the holy One, neither seek the Lord.

Hos. 10. 13, Because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty Men :

14. Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy People, and all thy Fortresses shall be spoiled, as *Shalman* spoiled *Beth-arbel* in the day of battel ; the Mother was dashed in Pieces upon her Children.

Psal. 52. 5, God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living.

6, The Righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him.

7. Lo, This is the Man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Prov. 11. 28. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the Righteous shall flourish as a branch.

1 Tim. 6. 17. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy.

Isai. 42. 17. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven Images, that say to the molten Images, Ye are our Gods.

Psal. 115. 4, Their Idols are Silver and Gold, the work of Mens hands.

5, They have Mouths, but they speak not; Eyes have they, but they see not.

6, They have Ears, but they hear not: Noses have they, but they smell not.

7, They have Hands, but they handle not: Feet have they, but they walk not; neither speak they through their Throat.

8. They that make them are like unto them: and so is every one that trusteth in them.

C H A P. VII.

§. I. Of believing God.

Gen. 15. 6. **A**ND he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for Righteousness.

Rom. 4. 3. What saith the Scripture? *Abraham* believed God, and it was counted to him for Righteousness. *Gal.*

Gal. 3: 6, 7. Even as *Abraham* believed God, and it was accounted to him for Righteousness. Know ye therefore, that they which are of Faith, the same are the Children of *Abraham*.

James 2.23. And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, *Abraham* believed God, and it was imputed to him for Righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Exod. 14. 31. And *Israel* saw that great work, which the Lord did upon the *Egyptians*, and believed the Lord.

John 20. 27. Be not faithless, but believing.

Acts 24. 14. *St. Paul* believed all things, which are written in the Law and the Prophets.

Rom. 4. 18, *Abraham* against hope, believed in hope, that he might become the Father of many Nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy Seed be.

19, And being not weak in Faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old; neither yet the deadness of *Sarah's* Womb.

20, He staggered not at the promise of God through Unbelief: but was strong in Faith, giving Glory to God;

21, Being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22. And therefore it was imputed to him for Righteousness.

Psal. 106. 12. Then believed they his words.

Jonah 3. 5, Because the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a Fast, and put on Sackcloth, from the greatest of them, even to the least of them.

10. Therefore God repented of the Evil, that he had said that he would do unto them, and he did it not.

§. 2. Of Unbelief.

Numb. 14. 11, How long will this People provoke me? And how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the Signs which I have shewed among them?

12. I will smite them with the Pestilence, and disinherit them.

Numb. 20. 12. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying, Because ye believe me not, to sanctifie me in the Eyes of the Children of Israel; therefore ye shall not bring this Congregation into the Land which I have given them.

Heb. 3. 18, To whom did God swear that they should not enter into his Rest, but to them that believed not?

19. And so we see, that they could not enter in, because of Unbelief.

Jude 5. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord having saved the People out of the Land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Luke 24. 25. O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken.

Heb. 3. 12. Take heed, Brethren, lest there be in any of you, an evil Heart of Unbelief, in departing from the living God..

C H A P. VIII.

§. 1. Of Faith in Christ.

Acts 16. 30. **S**irs, what must I do to be saved?
31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Act 13. 38. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of Sins.

39. And by him all that believe are justified from all things.

John 8. 24. If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 6. 29. This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

40. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: And I will raise him up at the last day.

47. Verily, verily I say unto you; He that believeth on me, hath everlasting life.

John 11. 25, I am the resurrection, and the life: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

26. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

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§. 2. Of Faith without Works.

Jam. 2. 14, What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath Faith, and have no Works? can Faith save him?

15, If a Brother or Sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16, And

16, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be you warmed, and filled: Notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17, Even so Faith, if it hath not Works, is dead being alone.

26. For as the body without the Spirit is dead, so Faith without Works is dead also.

2 Pet. 1. 5, Besides this *therefore*, giving all diligence, add to your Faith, Virtue; and to Virtue, Knowledge;

6, And to Knowledge, Temperance; and to Temperance, Patience; and to Patience, Godliness;

7, And to Godliness, Brotherly-kindness; and to Brotherly-kindness, Charity.

8, For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9, But he that lacketh these things, is blind, and cannot see afar off; and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old Sins.

10, But if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

11. For so an Entrance shall be ministred unto you abundantly, into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Tit. 2. 14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purifie unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

CHAP. IX.

§. 1. Of Hope.

Rom. 15. 4. **W**Hatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that
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that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Heb. 6. 19. Which hope we have as an anchor of the Soul, both sure and stedfast.

Rom. 5. 5. And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Rom. 8. 24, For we are saved by hope: But hope that is seen, is not hope: For what a Man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25. But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Lam. 3. 26. And it is good that a man should both hope, and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

1 *Jobn 3. 3.* But every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 *Pet. 1. 13.* Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Heb. 3. 6. Whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence, and the rejoycing of the hope firm unto the end.

Rom. 15. 13. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

§. 2. Of Presumption.

Prov. 10. 28. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Job 8. 14. His hope shall be cut off; and his trust shall be a Spiders Web.

Job 18. 14. His Confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle; and it shall bring him to the King of terrors.

Job 15. 31. Let not him that is deceived, trust in vanity: For vanity shall be his recompence.

Jer. 7. 4. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these.

9, Will ye steal, murther, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto *Baal*, and walk after other Gods whom ye know not;

10, And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my Name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11. Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

Matth. 7. 21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven: But he that doth the will of my Father which is in Heaven.

§. 3. Of Despair.

Job 15. 20, The wicked travelles with pain all his days.

24. Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid: They shall prevail against him, as a King ready to the battle.

Isai. 33. 14. The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness hath surprized the Hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who amongst us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

Gen. 4. 13. And *Cain* said unto the Lord, My Punishment is greater than I can bear.

Matth. 27. 3, Then *Judas* which had betrayed Christ, when he saw that he was condemned, re-

pent himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of Silver to the chief Priests and Elders;

4, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent Blood.

5. And he cast down the pieces of Silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

2 Cor. 7. 10. Godly sorrow worketh repentance to Salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Psal. 43. 5. Why art thou cast down, O my Soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my Countenance, and my God.

C H A P. X.

§. 1. Of Confession.

Levit. 5. 5. **A**Nd it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing.

Numb. 5. 6, 7. When a Man or Woman shall commit any Sin that Men commit, to do a Trespas against the Lord, and that Person be guilty; then they shall confess their Sin which they have done.

Josh. 7. 19. And *Joshua* said unto *Acban*, My Son, give, I pray thee, Glory to the Lord God of *Israel*, and make Confession unto him.

Levit. 26. 40. If they shall confess their Iniquity, and the Iniquity of their Fathers, with their trespass which they trespass'd against me; --- 42 Then will I remember my Covenant with *Jacob*, and also my Covenant with *Isaac*; and also my Covenant with *Abraham*, will I remember; and I will remember the Land.

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2 Kings 22. 19, 20. Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thy self before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the Inhabitants thereof, that they should become a Desolation and a Curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord. Behold therefore I will gather thee unto thy Fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy Grave in Peace, and thine Eyes shall not see all the Evil which I will bring upon this place.

1 Kings 21. 29. Seest thou how *Abab* humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his Sons days will I bring the evil upon his house.

2 Chron. 12. 7, 6. The Princes of *Israel*, and the King humbled themselves, and they said, The Lord is Righteous. And when the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the Word of the Lord came to *Shemaiah*, saying, They have humbled themselves, therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon *Jerusalem* by the hand of *Shishak*, v. 12.

C H A P. XI.

§. 1. Of Repentance.

Matth. 18. 3. **E**Xcept ye be converted, and become as little Children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Luke 13. 3. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Acts 17. 30. For God commandeth all Men every where to repent.

1 *John* 1. 8, If we say that we have no Sin, we deceive our selves, and the Truth is not in us.

9. But if we confess our Sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all Unrighteousness.

Prov. 28. 13. He that covereth his Sins, shall not prosper : but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have Mercy.

Acts 3. 19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your Sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Ezek. 18. 30. Repent, and turn your selves from all your Transgressions ; so Iniquity shall not be your ruine.

Isai. 55. 7. Let the Wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous Man his Thoughts ; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have Mercy upon him ; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Ezek. 33. 11. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the Death of the Wicked, but that the Wicked turn from his way and live : Turn ye, turn ye from your evil Ways ; for why will ye die O House of *Israel* ?

Luke 15. 18, *The Prodigal Son said*, I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee,

19, And am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

20, And he arose, and came to his Father : But when he was yet a great way off, his Father saw him,

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22, Then the Father said to his Servants, Bring forth the best Robe, and put it on him ; and put a Ring on his Hand, and Shoes on his Feet.

23, And bring hither the fatted Calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and be merry :

24. For this my Son was dead, and is alive again: he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15. 7. Likewise, joy shall be in Heaven over one Sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just Persons, which need no repentance.

Lam. 3. 40. Let us *therefore* search, and try our Ways, and turn again to the Lord.

§. 2. Of New Obedience.

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Isai. 1. 16, Put away *therefore* the evil of your Doings from before mine Eyes : cease to do Evil, 17. And learn to do well.

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2. That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the Flesh, to the lusts of Men, but to the will of God.

Rom. 6. 3, Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his Death?

4, Therefore we are buried with him by Baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of Life.

12, Let not Sin therefore reign in your mortal Body, that ye should obey it in the Lusts thereof.

13. Neither yield ye your Members as instruments of unrighteousness unto Sin; but yield your selves unto God, as those which are alive from the dead, and your Members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

1 *Pet. 1. 14,* As obedient Children, not fashioning your selves according to the former lusts, in your ignorance.

15. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of Conversation.

§. 3. Of Continuance in Sin, and Hardness of Heart.

Rom. 6. 1, What shall we say then? shall we continue in Sin that Grace may abound?

2. God forbid. How shall we that are dead to Sin, live any longer therein?

John 8. 34. Verily, verily I say unto you, Whosoever committeth Sin, is the Servant of Sin.

Rom. 6. 23. Now the wages of Sin is Death.

Isai. 3. 11. And wo unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his Hands shall be given him.

Heb.

Heb. 3. 13. Exhort one another *therefore* daily, while it is called to day, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of Sin.

Prov. 28. 14. He that hardeneth his Heart, shall fall into Mischief.

Rom. 2. 5. *Yea*, after his hardness and impenitent Heart, *he shall* treasure up unto *himself* wrath against the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteous Judgment of God.

Heb. 3. 15. To day *then*, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your Hearts.

2 Cor. 6. 2. For, behold, Now is the accepted time: Behold, now is the day of Salvation.

C H A P. XII.

§. 1. Of Honouring, or Praising God.

Mal. 1. 6. **A** Son honoureth his Father, and a Servant his Master. If then I be a Father, where is mine honour? And if I be a Master, where is my fear?

1 Sam. 2. 30. Them that honour me, I will honour.

Psal. 50. 23. Whoso offereth me Thanks and Praise, he honoureth me.

Psal. 96. 8. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name: bring presents, and come into his Courts.

Prov. 3. 9. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase.

10. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst with new Wine.

1 Cor. 6. 20. Glorifie God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods.

1 Cor. 10. 31. Whether ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God.

Psal. 86. 12. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my Heart; and I will glorifie thy Name for evermore.

Psal. 145. 1, I will magnifie thee, O God my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2, Every day will I give Thanks unto thee; and will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

Psal. 148. 1, O praise the Lord of Heaven: praise him in the height.

2, Praise him all ye Angels of his: praise him, all ye his Hosts.

11, Kings of the Earth, and all People; Princes, and all Judges of the World.

12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord. For his Name only is excellent, and his Praise above Heaven and Earth.

Psal. 150. 6. Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord.

Rom. 11. 36. For of him, and through him, and to him are all Things: to whom be glory for ever.

Amen:

§. 2. *Of giving Him less than due Honour.*

Isai. 29. 13, Forasmuch as this People draw near me with their Mouth, and with their Lips do honour me, but have removed their Heart far from me.

14. Therefore behold, I will proceed to a marvellous Work among this People; even a marvellous

lous Work, and a Wonder: for the Wisdom of the wise Men shall perish, and the Understanding of their prudent Men shall be hid.

Matth. 15. 7. Ye Hypocrites, well did *Esaia*s prophesie of you, saying,

8. This People draweth nigh unto me with their Mouth, and honoureth me with their Lips: but their Heart is far from me.

Rom. 1. 20. They are without excuse;

21. Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful.

§ 3. *Of Dishonouring Him.*

Exod. 20. 7. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: For the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

Lev. 19. 12. Ye shall not swear by my Name falsely; neither shalt thou prophane the Name of thy God. I am the Lord.

Levit. 24. 15. Whosoever curseth his God, shall bear his Sin.

Job 1. 4. The Sons of *Job* went and feasted in their Houses every one his day, and sent and called for their three Sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that *Job* sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: For *Job* said, It may be that my Sons have sinned, and cursed God in their Hearts. Thus did *Job* continually.

Rom. 3. 14. The Mouth of the wicked is full of cursing and bitterness.

Psal. 109. 16. And therefore as his delight is in cursing,

cursing, so it shall happen unto him; and as he loveth not blessing, so shall it be far from him.

Numb. 15. 30. The Soul that doth ought presumptuously, (whether he be born in the Land, or a Stranger,) the same reproacheth the Lord: and that Soul shall be cut off from among his People.

Levit. 24. 16. He that blasphemeth the Name of the Lord; he shall surely be put to death, and all the Congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the Stranger, as he that is born in the Land, when he blasphemeth the Name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

2 Kings 19. 22. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lift up thine eyes on high? even against the holy One of *Israel*.

Psal. 74. 10, O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the Enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever?

18. Remember this, that the Enemy hath reproached, O Lord; and that the foolish People have blasphemed thy Name.

§. 4. *Of causing others to Dishonour him.*

Nebem. 5. 9. Ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the heathen our Enemies?

2 Sam. 12. 14. Because by this deed thou hast given great Occasion to the Enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the Child also that is born unto thee; shall surely die.

Rom. 2. 23, Thou that makest thy boast of the Law, through breaking the Law dishonourest thou God?

24. For the Name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you.

1 Tim.

1 *Tim.* 6. 1. Let as many Servants as are under the Yoke, count their own Masters worthy of all honour; that the Name of God and his Doctrine be not blasphemed.

C H A P. XIII.

§. I. Of a Religious Oath.

Gen. 21. **W** Herefore he called that place *Beer-sheba*; because there they sware both of them. Thus they made a Covenant at *Beer-sheba*.

Gen. 26. 28, 29, 31. And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee; and we said, Let there be now an Oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a Covenant with thee; That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace. And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and *Isaac* sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

Gen. 50. 25. And *Joseph* took an Oath of the Children of *Israel*, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

Exod. 13. 19. And *Moses* took the Bones of *Joseph* with him: for he had straitly sworn the Children of *Israel*, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away from hence.

Deut. 6. 13. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his Name.

Jer. 4. 2. Thou shalt swear, the Lord liveth, in Truth, in Judgment, and in Righteousness.

Isai. 65. 16. He who bleffeth himself in the Earth, shall bless himself in the God of Truth; and he that sweareth in the Earth, shall swear by the God of Truth.

Isaia. 45. 23. For unto me (*saieth the Lord*) every Knee shall bow, every Tongue shall swear.

Gen. 21. 22, *Abimelech* spake unto *Abraham*, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:

23, Now therefore swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falsely with me.

24. And *Abraham* said, I will swear.

Gen. 24. 2, And *Abraham* said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had; Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3, And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of Heaven, and the God of the Earth:

9. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of *Abraham* his Master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

Gen. 47. 29, When the time drew nigh that *Israel* must die, he called his Son *Joseph*, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me:

30, And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31. And he said, swear unto me: and he sware unto him.

1 Sam. 20. 16, When *Jonathan* made a Covenant with the house of *David*,

17. *Jonathan* caused *David* to swear.

1 Sam. 24. 21, 22. Swear now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my Seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my Name out of my Father's house. And *David* sware unto *Saul*.

2 *Sam.*

2 Sam. 21. 7. But the King spared Mephibosheth the Son of Jonathan the Son of Saul, because of the Lord's Oath that was between them.

Ezra 10. 5. Ezra made the chief Priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear, that they should do according to this word : and they sware.

Heb. 6. 16. Men verily swear by the greater ; and an Oath for confirmation, is to them an end of all strife.

§. 2. Of Common and Prophan Swearing.

Matth. 5. 34, I say unto you, Swear not at all.

37. But let your Communication be, Yea, yea, Nay, nay : for whatsoever is more than these, cometh of evil.

James 5. 12. Above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the Earth, neither by any other Oath : but let your yea, be yea ; and your nay, nay ; lest ye fall into condemnation.

Jer. 23. 10. Because of swearing the land mourneth.

§. 3. Of Perjury, or Forswearing.

Levit. 19. 12. Ye shall not swear by my Name falsely.

Numb. 30. 2. If a Man vow a Vow unto the Lord, or swear an Oath to bind his soul with a bond ; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Josh. 9. 19, We have sworn unto them [the Gibeonites] by the Lord God of Israel : and therefore we may not touch them.

20. This we will do to them : we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the Oath which we sware unto them.

2 Sam. 21. 1, There was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year, and David enquired of the Lord. And the Lord answered, it is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

2. For the Gibeonites were of the remnant of the Amorites, unto whom the Children of Israel had sworn; and Saul sought to slay them in his Zeal to the Children of Israel and Judah.

Ezek. 17. 16, As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place where the King dwelleth that made him King, whose Oath he despised, and whose Covenant he brake, even with him, in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

18, Seeing he despised the Oath, by breaking the Covenant, (when lo, he had given his hand,) and hath done all these things, he shall not escape.

19. Therefore thus saith the Lord God, As I live, surely mine Oath that he hath despised, and my Covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompence upon his own head.

Mal. 3. 5. I will come near to you to Judgment, and I will be a swift witness against False-swearers.

Zech. 5. 4. The Curse shall enter into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my Name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it.

S. 4. Of Swearing to do Evil.

Matth. 14. 6, When Herod's Birth-day was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

7, Whereupon he promised with an Oath, to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8, And she, being before instructed of her Mother,

ther, said, Give me here *John Baptist's* Head in a Charger.

9. And the King was sorry : Nevertheless, for the Oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

Acts 23. 12, Certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a Curse, saying, That they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed *Paul* :

13, 21. And they were more than forty, which had made this Conspiracy, and bound themselves with this Oath.

Levit. 5. 4, If a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a Man shall pronounce with an Oath, and it be hid from him, when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty of one of these.

5. And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these Things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that Thing.

C H A P. XIV.

§. 1. Of Worshipping God.

Matth. 4. 10. **T**Hou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Psal. 45. 12. He is thy Lord God, worship thou him.

John 4. 24. They that worship God, must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Phil. 3. 3. We are the Circumcision, which worship God in the spirit.

John 9. 31. If any Man be a worshipper of God, and doth his will, him he heareth.

Psal. 95. 6. O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our maker.

Heb. 12. 28. Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

Rom. 12. 1. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

§. 2. *Of Worshipping any other God.*

Psal. 44. 20, 21. If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange God: Shall not God search this out? For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Exod. 22. 20. He that sacrificeth unto any God save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

Levit. 19. 4. Turn ye not unto Idols, nor make to your selves molten Gods.

Exod. 34. 14. Thou shalt worship no other God: For the Lord, whose Name is jealous, is a jealous God.

Judg. 13. 16. If thou wilt offer a Burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto the Lord.

2 Kings 5. 17. Thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering, nor sacrifice unto other Gods, but unto the Lord.

Josh. 24. 15. If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve: But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Deut. 11. 16. Take heed to your selves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other Gods, and worship them.

Deut. 30. 17, If thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other Gods, and serve them :

18. I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

1 Kings 9. 6, If you shall at all turn from following me, you or your children, and will not keep my Commandments and my Statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other Gods, and worship them :

7. Then I will cut off *Israel* out of the land which I have given them ; and this house which I have hallowed for my Name, will I cast out of my sight ; and *Israel* shall be a proverb, and a by-word among all people.

Jer. 1. 16. I will utter my judgments against them, touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

Psal. 16. 4. They that run after another God, shall have great trouble.

Josh. 24. 16. God forbid *therefore*, that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other Gods.

§. 3. Of Worshipping any Image.

Exod. 20. 4, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven Image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5. Thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them : For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the Iniquity of the Fathers

upon the Children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Levit. 26. 1. Ye shall make you no Idols, nor graven Image, neither rear you up a standing Image, neither shall ye set up any Image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: For I am the Lord your God.

Ifai. 45. 20. They have no knowledge that set up the Wood of their graven Image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

Jer. 10. 14. Every man is brutish in his knowledge, every founder is confounded by the graven Image: For his molten Image is falshood, and there is no breath in them.

15. They are Vanity, and the Work of Errors: in the time of their Visitation, they shall perish.

Dan. 3. 18. Be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy Gods, nor worship thy golden Image which thou hast set up.

Psal. 97. 7. Confounded be all they that worship carved Images, and that delight in vain Gods.

S. 4. Of Worshipping God by any Image.

Deut. 4. 15. Take ye good heed unto your selves; (for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in *Horeb* out of the fire,)

16. Lest ye corrupt your selves, and make you a graven Image, the similitude of any figure.

Ifai. 40. 18. To whom will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Act. 17. 29. We ought not to think that the God-head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by art, and mans device.

§. 5. Of Worshipping any Saint or Angel.

Acts 10. 25, As Peter was coming in, *Cornelius* met him, and fell down at his feet and worshipped him.

26. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up, I my self also am a Man.

Acts 14. 11, When the people saw what *Paul* had done, they lift up their voices, saying in the speech of *Lycaonia*, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12, And they called *Barnabas*, *Jupiter*; and *Paul*, *Mercurius*, because he was the chief speaker.

13, Then the Priest of *Jupiter* which was before the City, brought Oxen and garlands unto the gate, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14, Which when the Apostles, *Barnabas* and *Paul* heard of, they rent their cloaths, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15. And saying, Sirs, Why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you, that you should turn from these vanities unto the Living God.

Rev. 22. 8, And I *John*, saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the Angel which shewed me these things.

9. Then saith he unto me, see thou do it not. For I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the saying of this book. Worship God.

Col. 2. 18. Let no man beguile you of your reward, in a voluntary humility, and worshipping of Angels.

§. 1. Of Praying to God.

Psal. 65. 2. **O** Thou that hearest prayer; unto thee shall all flesh come.

Psal. 5. 2. O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: For unto thee will I make my prayer.

Psal. 18. 5, In my trouble I will call upon the Lord; and complain unto my God.

6. So shall he hear my voice out of his holy Temple; and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

Psal. 50. 15. Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you.

Phil. 4. 6. Be careful for nothing: But in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

Eph. 3. 20. For God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Rom. 10. 12. And the same Lord over all, is rich unto all that call upon him.

Matth. 7. 7, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

Matth. 26. 41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

1 Pet. 4. 7. The end of all things is at hand: Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Mark 13. 33. Take ye heed, watch and pray: For ye know not when the time is.

§. 2. In

§. 2. *In the Name of Christ:*

Col. 3. 17. Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

John 14. 13. Whatsoever ye shall ask in my Name, that I will do.

John 16. 23, Verily, verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.

24. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my Name. Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

§. 3. *How we ought to pray.*

1 Pet. 3. 12. For the eyes of the Lord are over the Righteous; and his Ears are open unto their Prayers:

Psal. 145. 18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him *in truth.*

1 John 5. 14. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing *according to his will,* he heareth us.

1 Tim. 2. 8. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Jam. 5. 16. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Jam. 1. 6. But let him ask in Faith, nothing wavering.

Mark 11. 24. For what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Heb. 10. 22. Let us therefore draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts

hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Lam. 3. 41. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

§. 4. *For what chiefly we ought to Pray.*

Col. 3. 1. Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on earth.

Matth. 6. 33. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Cor. 12. 31. Covet earnestly the best gifts.

1 Cor. 14. 1. Follow after Charity, and desire spiritual gifts.

Jam. 1. 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, and it shall be given him.

Psal. 90. 12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Heb. 4. 16. Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need;

§. 5. *For whom we ought to Pray.*

1 Tim. 2. 1. I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for *All* men.

2, For Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable Life in all godliness and honesty.

3. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

Psal,

Pfal. 122. 6. Pray for the peace of *Jerusalem*:
They shall prosper that love thee.

Isai. 62. 6, Ye that make mention of the Lord,
keep not silence;

7, And give him no rest, till he establish, and
till he make *Jerusalem* a praise in the Earth.

1 Thess. 5. 25. Brethren pray for us:

Col. 4. 3.—That God would open unto us a door
of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ;

2 Thess. 3. 1.—That the word of the Lord may
have free course and be glorified.

Jam. 5. 16. Pray one for another.

Eph. 6. 18. Praying always with all prayer and
supplication, for all saints.

Matth. 5. 44. Pray for them that despitefully use
you, and persecute you.

Luke 23. 34. Father, forgive them: For they
know not what they do.

Acts. 7. 60. Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.

§. 6. Of Publick Prayer.

Deut. 12. 5, Unto the place which the Lord your
God shall choose, out of all your tribes, to put his
Name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek,
and thither shalt thou come:

6. And thither ye shall bring your Burnt-offer-
ings and your Sacrifices.

1 Kings 8. 27. But will God indeed dwell on the
earth? Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens
cannot contain thee, how much less this house that
I have builded?

2 Chron. 7. 12, I have chosen this place to my
self for an house of Sacrifice.

15. Mine Eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

Psal. 116. 16, O Lord, truly I am thy servant, I am thy servant, and the Son of thy hand-maid.

17, I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.

18, I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now in the presence of all his people.

19. In the Courts of the Lords house, in the midst of thee, O *Jerusalem.*

Luke 1. 8, While *Zacharias* executed the Priests office before God in the order of his course,

10. The whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

Acts 1. 14. These [*the Apostles*] all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the Women, and *Mary* the Mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 2. 4, They [*the New Converts to Christianity,*] continued stedfastly in the Apostles doctrine, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers:

46. Continuing daily with one accord in the Temple.

Acts 3. 1. *Peter* and *John* went up together into the Temple, at the hour of Prayer, being the ninth hour.

Matth. 18. 19, If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven.

20. For where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them.

Ezech. 8. 21. Let us therefore go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of Hosts.

Heb. 10. 25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves

selves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another.

§. 7. Of private Prayer.

Matth. 14. 23. Jesus, when he had sent the Multitudes away, went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Mark 1. 35. And in the morning rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Luke 5. 16. He withdrew himself into the Wilderness, and prayed.

Matth. 26. 36. He said unto the Disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

Matth. 6. 6. Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet; and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

§. 8. Of being frequent in Prayer.

Luke 18. 1. Jesus spake a parable to this end, that Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

1 Thes. 5. 17. Pray without ceasing.

Rom. 12. 12. Continue instant in prayer.

Eph. 6. 18. Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance.

Dan. 6. 10. Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave Thanks before his God.

Psal. 55. 18. In the Evening, and Morning, and at Noon-day will I pray, and that instantly; and he shall hear my voice.

§. 9. Of

§. 9. Of not Calling upon God.

Job 21. 15. What is the Almighty (*say the Wicked*) that we should serve him? And what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

Psal. 14. 8. Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief, and call not upon the Lord?

Jer. 10. 25. Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy Name.

Isai. 43. 22, Thou hast not called upon me, O *Jacob*: Thou hast been weary of me, O *Israel*.

23, Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy Burnt-offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy Sacrifices.

28. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the Sanctuary, and have given *Jacob* to the curse, and *Israel* to reproaches.

§. 11. Of not Praying to him as we ought.

Psal. 66. 16. If I incline unto wickedness with my Heart, the Lord will not hear me.

John 9. 31. We know that God heareth not Sinners.

Prov. 15. 8. The Sacrifice of the wicked is an Abomination to the Lord.

Isai. 1. 15. When ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.

Isai. 59. 2. Your iniquities have separated between you and your God; and your Sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear,

James

James 4. 3. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Matth. 15. 7, Ye Hypocrites, well did *Esaia*s prophesie of you, saying,

8. This People draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips : but their heart is far from me.

Matth. 6. 5, When thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the Hypocrites are : for they love to pray standing in the Synagogues, and in the corners of the Streets, that they may be seen of Men. Verily, I say unto you, they have their reward.

7, When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8, Be not ye therefore like unto them : for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9. After this manner therefore pray ye : Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Luke 11. 1, As Jesus was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his Disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as *John* also taught his Disciples.

2. And he said unto them, when ye pray, say, Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

§. II. Of Praying to any Other.

Psal. 44. 21, If we have forgotten the Name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange God :

22. Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Isai. 45. 20. They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven Image, and pray unto a God that cannot save.

C H A P. XVI.

§. I. Of Thanksgiving to God.

Col. **C**ontinue in prayer, and watch in the same, 4.2. with thanksgiving.

1 Thes. 5. 18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Heb. 13. 15. By him therefore let us offer the Sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his Name.

Eph. 5. 20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psal. 92. 1. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing Praises unto thy Name, O most Highest:

2. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy Truth in the night season.

Psal. 116. 12, What shall I render unto the Lord, for all his benefits towards me?

13. I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Psal. 111. 1. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole Heart, secretly among the faithful, and in the Congregation.

Psal. 107. 1. O give Thanks unto the Lord; for he is gracious, and his Mercy endureth for ever.

Psal. 135. 3. O praise the Lord; for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

Psal.

Pfal. 147. 1. O praise the Lord: for it is a good thing to sing Praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

Pfal. 100. 3, O go your way into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with Praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4. For the Lord is gracious: his Mercy is everlasting: and his Truth endureth from Generation to Generation.

Pfal. 106. 46. Blessed therefore be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting, and world without end: And let all the People say, *Amen.*

See Chap. II. of this Part, Sect. 1.

§. 2. *Of Ingratitude towards him.*

Deut. 8. 11, Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his Commandments, and his Judgments, and his Statutes.

12, Lest when thou hast eaten, and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein:

13, And when thy herds, and thy flocks multiply; and thy Silver, and thy Gold is multiplied; and all that thou hast is multiplied:

14. Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God.

Deut. 32. 15, *Jesurun* waxed fat, and kicked: then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his Salvation.

18, Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

19, And when the Lord saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his Sons, and of his Daughters.

20. And he said, I will hide my Face from them,
I will

I will see what their end shall be : for they are a very froward Generation, Children in whom is no Faith.

Psal. 106. 7, Our Fathers regarded not thy Wonders in *Egypt*, neither kept they thy great Goodness in remembrance : but were disobedient at the Sea, even at the Red Sea.

21, They forgot God their Saviour, who had done so great things in *Egypt*.

23. So he said he would have destroyed them, had not *Moses* his chosen stood before them in the gap, to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

Isai. 1. 2, Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O Earth ; for the Lord hath spoken : I have nourished, and brought up Children, and they have rebelled against me.

3. The Ox knoweth his Owner, and the Ass his Masters Crib : but *Israel* doth not know, my People doth not consider.

Deut. 32. 6. Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people, and unwise ? Is not he thy Father that hath bought thee ? Hath he not made thee, and established thee.

18. Of the rock that begat thee, thou art unmindful ; and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

C H A P. XVII.

§. 1. Of frequenting God's House.

Psal. 26. 8. **L**ord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psal. 84. 1. O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts!

2, My

2, My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the Courts of the Lord.

10. For one day in thy Courts is better than a thousand:

Psal. 65. 4. Blessed is the man whom thou choo-
sest, O Lord, and receivest unto thee, that he may
dwell in thy Court, and be satisfied with the plea-
sures of thy house, even of thy holy Temple.

Psal. 122. 1, I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord:

2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O *Jeru-
salem.*

Psalms 27. 4. One thing have I desired of the Lord,
that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the
beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Luke 19. 47. Jesus taught daily in the temple.

Acts 2. 1, The Apostles were all of one accord in
one place,

46. Continuing daily with one accord in the
temple.

Heb. 10. 25. Let us not forsake the assembling of
our selves together, as the manner of some is.

See before in Chap. xiv. Sect. 6.

§. 2. Of Reverence in God's House:

Levit. 19. 30. Ye shall reverence my Sanctuary :
I am the Lord.

Eccles. 5. 1. Keep thy foot when thou goest to the
house of God; and be more ready to hear than to
give the Sacrifice of fools.

Psal. 89. 7. God is greatly to be feared in the
Assembly of the Saints, and to be had in reverence
of all them that are about him.

Heb. 12. 28. Let us *therefore* have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly Fear.

§. 3. Of Dishonouring God's House.

Jer. 7. 11. Is this house which is called by my Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

Matth. 21. 12, Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the Money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves:

13. And said unto them, it is written, My house shall be called the house of Prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves.

John 2. 15, He made a scourge of small cords, and drove them all out of the temple,

16. And said unto them, make not my Fathers house an house of Merchandise.

1 *Cor. 11. 22.* What? Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the Church of God?

C H A P. XVIII.

§. 1. Of Observing the Lord's Day.

Gen. **A**ND on the seventh day God ended his
2. 3. work which he had made: And he rested on the Seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the Seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work, which God created and made.

Exod. 31. 16, 17. The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual Covenant. It is a sign

a sign between me and the Children of *Israel*, for ever. For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, and on the seventh Day rested, and was refreshed.

Heb. 4. 4. For he spake in a certain place of the Seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the Seventh day from all his Works.

Exod. 20. 8, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy. *Deut.* 5. 15.

9, Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.

10, But the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : In it thou shalt not do any work.—

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

Mark 2. 27, Yet the Sabbath was made for Man, and not Man for the Sabbath :

28. Therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

Matth. 12. 10, Now behold, there was a man which had his hand withered : and the Pharisees asked Jesus, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath-days ? that they might accuse him.

11, And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath-day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out ?

12. How much then is a man better than a sheep ? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath-days.

Luke 13. 14, When the Ruler of the Synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed [*a Woman*] on the Sabbath-day, and said un-

to the people, There are six days in which men ought to work; in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath-day;

15, The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou Hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his Ox or his Ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16. And ought not this Woman, being a daughter of *Abraham*, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath-day?

Col. 2. 16, Let no man therefore judge you in respect of an Holy-day, or of the New-Moon, or of the Sabbath-days:

17. Which are a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ.

Rom. 14. 5, One man esteemeth one day above another: Another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully perswaded in his own mind.

6. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it.

Mark 16. 9. Now Jesus rose early, the first day of the week.

John 20. 19, And the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, the Disciples were assembled: and Jesus came, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

26. And after eight days, again the disciples were within together: And then also came Jesus, and said, Peace be unto you.

Acts 20. 7. Upon the First day of the week the Disciples came together to break bread, and *Paul* preached to them.

Rev. i. 10. *St. John* calls this the Lords Day.

Psal. 198. 24. This is the day which the Lord hath made : We will rejoyce and be glad in it.

1 Cor. 16. 1, Concerning the Collection for the Saints,——even so do ye.

2 Upon the first day of the week, Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.

The especial Duties towards God, on this Day to be performed, see in the four Chapters immediately foregoing, and in these two following, viz. Chap. 19 & 20.

C H A P. XIX.

§. 1. Of Reading God's Word.

Isai. 34. 16. **S**EEK ye out of the Book of the Lord, and read.

John 5. 39. Search the Scriptures : for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testifie of me.

Acts 17. 11. These [the Bereans] were more noble than those in *Thessalonica*, in that they received the Word with all readiness of Mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Rom. 15. 4. Whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our Learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

2 Pet. 1. 19. We have also a more sure Word of Propheſie, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a Light that shineth in a dark place.

2 Cor. 1. 13. We write none other Things unto you, than what you read.

Acts 8. 28, The Eunuch sitting in his Chariot, read *Esaías* the Prophet.

30. And *Philip* ran to him, and heard him read the Prophet *Esaías*, and said, understandest thou what thou readeſt?

Matth. 24. 15. Whoſo readeth, let him underſtand.

Rev. 1. 3. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the Words of this Propheſie, and keep thoſe Things which are written therein.

§. 2. Of hearing God's Word.

Eph. 4. 11, Chriſt gave ſome, Apoſtles; and ſome, Prophets; and ſome, Evangeliſts; and ſome, Paſtors and Teachers;

12, For the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the Miniſtry, for the edifying of the body of Chriſt;

13. Till we all come in the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect Man, unto the measure of the ſtature of the fulneſs of Chriſt.

1 Theſ. 4. 8. He therefore that deſpiſeth, deſpiſeth not Man, but God, who hath alſo given unto us his holy Spirit.

Luke 10. 16. He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that deſpiſeth you, deſpiſeth me; and he that deſpiſeth me, deſpiſeth him that ſent me.

John 8. 47. He that is of God, heareth Gods Words: ye therefore hear them not, becauſe ye are not of God.

James 1. 18, God of his own Will begat us with the Word of Truth, that we ſhould be a kind of Firſt-Fruits of his Creatures.

19. Where-

19. Wherefore, my beloved Brethren, let every Man be swift to hear.

Luke 8. 18. But take heed how you hear.

1 *John 4. 1.* Believe not every Spirit ; but try the Spirits whether they are of God : because many false Prophets are gone out into the world.

Isai. 8. 20. To the Law, and to the Testimony : if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no Light in them.

Gal. 1. 8. Though we, or an Angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

1 *Pet. 2. 2.* As new-born babes therefore, desire the sincere Milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.

James 1. 21. Receive with meekness the ingrafted Word, which is able to save your Souls.

1 *Thes. 2. 13.* For this cause thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the Word of Men, but (as it is in Truth,) the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

§. 3. Of Meditating upon God's Word.

Josh. 1. 8. This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy Mouth : but thou shalt meditate therein Day and Night, that thou may'st observe to do according to all that is written therein : for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psal. 1. 1. Blessed is the Man that walketh not in the Counsel of the Ungodly, —

2. But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and in his Law doth he meditate Day and Night.

Psal. 119. 97, O how I love thy Law! It is my Meditation all the day.

148. Mine eyes prevent the Night-watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

Job 23. 12. I have esteemed the words of his Mouth, more than my necessary Food.

1 *Tim.* 4. 15. Meditate upon these things, give thy self wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.

Psal. 19. 14. Let the Words of my Mouth, and the Meditations of my Heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

§. 4. *Of Conforming our Lives to God's Word.*

Matth. 7. 21. Not every one that saith unto me; Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doth the Will of my Father which is in Heaven.

Luke 8. 21. My Mother and my Brethren are these which hear the Word of God, and do it.

John 8. 31. If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my Disciples indeed.

John 13. 17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Luke 11. 28. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

James 1. 22, Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23, For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a Man beholding his natural Face in a Glass:

24, For

24. For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straight-way forgetteth what manner of Man he was.

25. But whoso looketh into the perfect Law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful Hearer, but a Doer of the Work, this Man shall be blessed in his Deed.

Heb. 2. 1. Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

2. For if the Word spoken by Angels was steadfast, and every Transgression and Disobedience received a just Recompence of Reward;

3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great Salvation? which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

C H A P. XX.

§. 1. Of being Baptized.

Matth. 28. 19. **G**O, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Eph. 5. 25, Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it;

26. That he might sanctifie and cleanse it with the washing of Water, by the Word.

Col. 2. 11, In him we are circumcised with the Circumcision made without Hands, in putting off the body of the Sins of the Flesh, by the Circumcision of Christ;

1st 12. Being buried with him in Baptism.

Tit. 3. 5. Not by Works of Righteousness which we

we have done, but according to his Mercy he saved us, by the washing of Regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 22. 16. Arise therefore, and be baptized; and wash away thy Sins, calling on the Name of the Lord.

John 3. 5. For, except a Man be born of Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

Acts 2. 37, When some were pricked in their Hearts, and said unto Peter, and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and Brethren, what shall we do?

38, Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the Remission of Sins, and ye shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

39, For the promise is unto you, and to your Children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

41. Then they that gladly received his Word, were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand Souls.

Acts 8. 36, As Philip and the Eunuch went on their way, they came unto a certain Water: and the Eunuch said, See, here is Water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37, And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine Heart, thou mayest. And he answered, and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38. And they went down both into the Water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him.

Acts 10. 44, While Peter spake these Words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word.

46,-----Then answered Peter,

47, Can any Man forbid Water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we ?

48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord.

Acts 16. 15, Lydia was baptized, and her household.

33, The Tylor was baptized, he and all his straightway.

I Cor. 7. 14. The unbelieving Husband is sanctified by the Wife ; and the unbelieving Wife is sanctified by the Husband : Else were your Children Unclean, but now are they Holy.

Rom. 11. 16. For if the root be Holy, so are the branches.

Mark 10. 13, They brought young Children to Christ, that he should touch them, and his Disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14, But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the Kingdom of God.

15, Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little Child, he shall not enter therein.

16. And he took them up in his Arms, put his Hands upon them, and blessed them.

Mark 16. 16. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved ; but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

§. 2. Of living answerably to our Baptism.

Rom. 6. 3, Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death ?

4, There-

4, Therefore we are buried with him by Baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the Dead by the Glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of Life.

5, For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his Death; we shall be also in the likeness of his Resurrection:

6, Knowing this, that our old Man is crucified with him, that the body of Sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve Sin.

12, Let not Sin therefore reign in your mortal Body, that ye should obey it in the Lusts thereof:

13, Neither yield ye your Members as instruments of unrighteousness unto Sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your Members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Gal. 3. 27. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

Gal. 5. 24. And they that are Christ's, have crucified the Flesh with the Affections and Lusts.

2 Cor. 5. 17. If any Man be in Christ, he is a new Creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Eph. 4. 22, Put ye off therefore concerning the former Conversation, the old Man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful Lusts.

23, And be renewed in the Spirit of your Mind:

24. And put on the new Man, which after God is created in Righteousness, and true Holiness.

Psal. 76. 11. Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it.

Eccles. 5. 4. When thou vowest a Vow unto God, defer not to pay it.

C H A P. XXI.

§. 1. *Of-Receiving the Lord's-Supper in both Kinds.*

Mark **A**S they did eat, Jesus took Bread, and
14. 22. blessed, and brake it, and gave to them,
and said, Take, eat; This is my Body.

23, And he took the Cup, and when he had given Thanks he gave it to them; and they all drank of it.

24. And he said unto them, This is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many.

1 Cor. 11. 23, I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you; that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took Bread:

24, And when he had given Thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of me.

25, After the same manner also he took the Cup, when he had supped, saying, This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood: This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26. For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's Death till he come.

§. 2. *Of Receiving it Worthily.*

1 Cor. 5. 7, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

8. Therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old Leaven, neither with the Leaven of Malice and Wickedness: but with the unleavened Bread of Sincerity and Truth.

1 Cor. 10. 16, The Cup of blessing which we
bless,

bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

21. Ye cannot drink the Cup of the Lord, and the Cup of Devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the Table of Devils.

1 Cor. 11. 27, Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

28, But let a Man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.

29, For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh Damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body.

30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

They who desire to receive this blessed Sacrament worthily, must (as our Church-Catechism well directs,) examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former Sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new Life; have a lively Faith in God's Mercy through Christ, with a thankful Remembrance of his Death; and be in Charity with all Men: Concerning which Particulars, see Chap. 8, 11, 16, of this Part; and Part 3, Chap. 15, 16.

C H A P. XXII.

Of Unity in Religion.

Rom. **I** Beseech you, Brethren, mark them which 16.17, cause Divisions and Offences, contrary to the Doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them.

18. For

18. For they that are such, serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own Belly; and by good Words and fair Speeches, deceive the Hearts of the Simple.

1 Cor. 1. 10. I beseech you, Brethren, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing; and that there be no Divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joyned together in the same Mind, and in the same Judgment.

1 Cor. 3. 3, For whereas there is among you Envyng, and Strife, and Divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as Men?

4. While one saith, I am of *Paul*; and another, I am of *Apollos*; are ye not carnal?

Jude 17, Beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

18, How that they told you, there should be Mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly Lusts.

19. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit:

Phil. 2. 1, If there be therefore any Consolation in Christ, if any Comfort of Love, if any Fellowship of the Spirit, if any Bowels and Mercies;

2. Fulfil ye my Joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Eph. 4. 3, Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace.

4, For there is one Body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your Calling:

5, One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

6. One

6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Acts 2. 1. The Apostles were all with one accord in one place,

46. Continuing daily with one accord in the Temple.

Acts 4. 32. The multitude of them that believed, were of one Heart, and of one Soul.

Phil. 3. 16. In like manner, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same Rule, let us mind the same Thing.

Rom. 15. 5. Now the God of patience and consolation, grant you to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus;

6. That ye may with one Mind, and one Mouth glorifie God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C H A P. XXIII.

Of Stedfastness in Religion.

Matth. 7. 15. **B**EWARE of False-prophets, which come to you in Sheeps-clothing, but inwardly they are ravening Wolves.

Matth. 24. 24. For there shall arise False-prophets, and shall shew great signs, and wonders, insomuch that (if it were possible) they shall deceive the very Elect.

Acts 20. 30. Also of our own selves shall Men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.

2 Cor. 11. 13. Such false Apostles, and deceitful workers, shall transform themselves into the Apostles of Christ.

14. And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of Light.

15. Therefore it is no great thing, if his Ministers also be transformed as the Ministers of Righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Tim. 3. 6, Of this sort are they, which creep into Houses, and lead captive silly Women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts;

7. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth.

2 Pet. 3. 17. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

Eph. 4. 14. Be not like Children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of Doctrine, by the slight of Men, and cunning Craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

Heb. 12. 9. Be not carried about with divers and strange Doctrines: for it is a good thing that the Heart be established with Grace.

1 Thes. 5. 21. Prove all Things: Hold fast that which is good.

1 Cor. 16. 13. Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit you like Men, be strong.

Phil. 1. 27, Stand fast in one Spirit, with one Mind, striving together for the Faith of the Gospel;

28. And in nothing terrified by your Adversaries.

Jude 4. Earnestly contend for the Faith, which was once delivered to the Saints.

Rev. 2. 10. Be thou faithful unto Death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life.

Heb. 10. 23. Let us *therefore* hold fast the profession of our Faith without wavering ; for he is faithful that promised.

CH A P. XXIV:

Of Suffering for Religion.

Matth. **H**E that loveth Father or Mother more
10. 37, than me, is not worthy of me : and he
that loveth Son or Daughter more than me, is not
worthy of me :

38. And he that taketh not his Cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Luke 9. 23. If any Man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his Cross daily, and follow me.

24. For whosoever will save his Life, shall lose it : but whosoever will lose his Life for my sake, the same shall save it.

John 15. 18. If the World hate you, ye know it hated me before it hated you.

19, If ye were of the World, the World would love his own : but because ye are not of the World, but I have chosen you out of the World, therefore the World hateth you.

20. Remember the word that I said unto you ; The servant is not greater than the Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

John 16. 33. In the World ye shall have Tribulation : but be of good cheer, I have overcome the World.

2 Cor. 4. 8. We are troubled on every side, yet not

not distressed ; we are perplexed, yet not in despair.

9. Persecuted, but not forsaken ; cast down, but not destroyed.

2 Cor. 1. 3, Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and God of all Comfort ;

4, Who comforteth us in all our Tribulation.

5. For as the Sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our Consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

1 Cor. 4. 9, We are made a Spectacle unto the World, and to Angels, and to Men :

11, Even to this present hour, we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place :

13. We are made as the filth of the World, and are the Off-scouring of all things unto this day.

Acts 14. 22. We must through much Tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God.

2 Tim. 3. 12. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer Persecution.

1 Pet. 2. 21. For even hereunto were we called : because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.

Rom. 8. 18. But I reckon that the sufferings of this present time, are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Cor. 4. 17. For our light Affliction, which is but for a Moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of Glory.

2 Tim. 2. 12. And if we suffer, we shall also reign with Christ.

1 Pet. 4. 15. But let none of you suffer as a

Murthrer, or as a Thief, or as an Evil-doer, or as a Busy-body in other Mens Matters:

1 Pet. 2. 20. For what glory is it, if when ye be buffeted for your Faults, ye take it patiently? But if when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

1 Pet. 3. 14. If ye suffer for Righteousness sake, happy are ye: be not afraid of their Terror, neither be troubled.

1 Pet. 4. 16. If any Man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorifie God on this behalf.

Acts 5. 41. *The Apostles* rejoyced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for the Name of Christ.

Heb. 10. 32, *The Jews*, after they were illuminated, endured a great fight of Afflictions;

34. And took joyfully the spoiling of *their* Goods, knowing in themselves that they had in Heaven a better and an enduring Substance.

1 Pet. 4. 12, Beloved, think it not strange *therefore* concerning the fiery Trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13. But rejoyce, in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding Joy.

James 1. 2, My Brethren, count it all Joy when ye fall into divers Temptations:

3. Knowing this, that the trying of your Faith worketh Patience.

1 Pet. 1. 6, And though now for a season ye are in Heaviness through manifold Temptations;

7. Yet the tryal of your Faith being much more precious than of Gold that perisheth, though it be tried

tried with Fire, shall be found unto Praise, and Honour, and Glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

James 1. 12. Blessed is the Man that endureth Temptation : for when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Matth. 5. 10, Blessed are they, which are persecuted for Righteousness sake : for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

11, Blessed are ye, when Men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of Evil against you falsely for my sake :

12. Rejoyce, and be exceeding glad : for great is your Reward in Heaven.

P A R T III.

Concerning Man's Duty with Respect to Himself and his Neighbour.

C H A P. I.

§. I. Of Consideration.

Deut. 32. 29. **O** That Men were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end.

Hag. 1. 5. Now therefore thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Consider your ways.

Gal. 6. 4, Let every Man prove his own work : and then shall he have rejoycing in himself alone, and not in another.

5. For every Man shall bear his own burden.

2 Cor. 13. 5. Examine your selves, whether ye be in the Faith : Prove your own selves,

Psal.

Psal. 4. 4. Stand in awe, and sin not: Commune with your own Heart, and in your Chamber, and be still.

Psal. 77. 6. In the Night I commune with my own Heart, and search out my Spirits.

§. 2. *Of the want of Consideration.*

Prov. 19. 2. He that hasteth with his Feet, sinneth.

Eccles. 5. 1. Fools consider not that they do evil.

Hef. 7. 2. They consider not in their hearts, that I remember all their wickedness.

Isai. 1. 3. The Ox knoweth his Owner, and the Ass his Master's Crib: but *Israel* doth not know, my people doth not consider.

Jer. 8. 7. The Stork in the Heaven, knoweth her appointed times; and the Turtle, and the Crane, and the Swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

Lam. 1. 9. *Jerusalem* remembred not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully, she had no comforter.

Luke 19. 42. If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

C H A P. II.

Of Watchfulness.

§. 1. *Over our Thoughts, or Hearts.*

Prov. 4. 23. **K**EEP thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

Gen. 8. 21. The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.

Jer.

Jer. 17. 9. The heart is deceitful above all things; and desperately wicked; who can know it?

Heb. 12. 15. Look diligently *therefore*, lest any root of bitterness springing up, trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

Matth. 15. 19, For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false-witness, blasphemies.

20. These are the things which defile a man.

Matth. 12. 34, Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things.

§. 2. *Over our Words,*

Psal. 141. 3. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips.

Psal. 17. 3. I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

Psal. 39. 1. I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not in my tongue.

Psal. 34. 12. What man is he that lusteth to live, and would fain see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Prov. 21. 23. Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his Soul from troubles.

Prov. 13. 3. He that keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips, shall have destruction.

Prov. 10. 19. In the multitude of words there wanteth not Sin; but he that refraineth his lips, is wise.

Col.

Col. 4. 6. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Eph. 4. 29. Let no corrupt Communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Jam. 1. 26. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, he deceiveth his own heart; and this man's Religion is vain.

§ 3. Over our Actions.

Prov. 4. 25, Let thine eyes look right on; and let thine eye-lids look straight before thee.

26. Ponder the path of thy feet; and let all thy ways be established.

Eph. 5. 15, See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise;

16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Eccles. 2. 14. The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness.

1 Thes. 5. 5, We are all the Children of light, and the children of the day: We are not of the night, nor of darkness;

6. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

1 Pet. 5. 8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your Adversary the Devil, as a roaring Lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Matth. 26. 41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

1 Pet. 4. 7. The end of all things is at hand: Be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer.

Luke 12. 37. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching.

Contrary to this Duty of Watchfulness, is Carnal Security, which see Part II. Chap. 2. Sect. 3.

C H A P. III.

§. I. Of Diligence in our Spiritual Concerns.

2 Pet. 1. 10. **G**ive diligence to make your calling and election sure.

2 Pet. 3. 14. Be diligent that ye may be found of God in peace, without spot and blameless.

Heb. 12. 15. Looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God.

2 Tim. 1. 6. Stir up the gift of God which is in thee.

Matth. 13. 12. For whosoever hath, [that is, useth well what he hath,] to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance.

Matth. 24. 14, For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man travelling into a far Country, who called his own Servants, and delivered unto them his goods :

15, And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one ; to every man according to his several ability, and straightway took his Journey.

19, After a long time, the Lord of those Servants cometh and reckoneth with them.

20, And so he that had received five talents, came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents, behold, I have gained besides them five talents more.

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22, He also that had received two talents, came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two other talents besides them.

21, 23. *Then the Lord said unto them both, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*

§. 2. *Of Negligence in our Spiritual Concerns.*

1 Tim. 4. 14. Neglect not the gift that is in thee.

Matth. 13. 12. *For whosoever hath not, [that is, doth not use well what he hath,] from him shall be taken away even that which he hath.*

Luke 19. 20, *When one of the Servants who received a Pound, had kept it laid up in a Napkin,*

21. *Then the Lord said unto them that stood by, take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.*

Matth. 25. 18, *When he that had received one talent, went, and digged in the Earth, and hid his Lords money;*

26, *Then the Lord answered and said, thou wicked and slothful servant, —*

30. *Cast ye the unprofitable Servant into outer darkness: There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Heb. 6. 12. *Be not slothful, but followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promise.*

Heb. 2. 3. *For, How shall we escape, if we neglect so great Salvation?*

CHAP. IV.

§. I. Of Humility.

Pet. **B**E all of you subject one to another and be clothed with Humility: For God resisteth the Proud, and giveth grace to the Humble.
Rom. 12. 3, I say, through the Grace given unto me, to every Man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every Man the measure of Faith.

16. Be not wise in your own Conceits.

Phil. 2. 3. But in lowliness of Mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

1 Cor. 15. 9. I am the least of the Apostles, that am not meet to be called an Apostle.

Eph. 3. 8. I am less than the least of all Saints.

Phil. 2. 5, Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus;

6, Who being in the form of God, thought it no robbery to be equal with God:

7, Yet made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a Servant, and was made in the likeness of Men.

8. And being found in fashion as a Man, he humbled himself.

John 13. 5, Jesus poured water into a bason, and began to wash the Disciples Feet.

12, So after he had washed their feet, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13, Ye call me Master, and Lord, and ye say well: For so I am.

14, If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one anothers feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

§. 2. Of Spiritual Pride.

Gal. 6. 3. If a Man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Luke 18. 9. Jesus spake this Parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others.

10, Two Men went up into the Temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican.

11, The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other Men are, Extortioners, Unjust, Adulterers, or even as this Publican.

12, I fast twice in the Week, I give Tithes of all that I possess.

13, And the Publican standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his Eyes to Heaven; but smote upon his Breast, saying, God be merciful to me a Sinner.

14. I tell you, this Man went down to his House justified, rather than the other.

Isai. 65. 5. They which say, stand by thy self, come not near to me, for I am Holier than thou: these are a smoke in my Nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

1 Cor. 4. 7. Who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?

2 Cor. 10. 12, We dare not make our selves of the

the number, or compare our selves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves amongst themselves, are not wise.

12. But we will not boast our selves without our measure.

§. 3. Of all other Sorts of Pride.

Prov. 11. 2. When Pride cometh, then cometh Shame.

Prov. 13. 10. Only by Pride cometh Contention.

Prov. 16. 18. Pride goeth before Destruction; and an haughty Spirit before a Fall.

Esther 5. 5, King *Abasuerus* and *Haman* came to a banquet that *Esther* had prepared.

9, And then went *Haman* forth that day, joyful, and with a glad Heart. But when *Haman* saw *Mordecai* in the King's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against *Mordecai*.

10, Nevertheless, *Haman* refrained himself; and when he came home, he sent, and called for his Friends, and *Zeresh* his Wife.

11, And *Haman* told them of the glory of his Riches, and the multitude of his Children, and all the Things wherein the King had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the Princes and Servants of the King.

12, *Haman* said moreover; Yea, *Esther* the Queen did let no Man come in with the King unto the Banquet that she had prepared, but my self; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the King.

13, Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see *Mordecai* the Jew sitting at the King's gate.

14. Then said *Zeresh* his wife, and all his friends unto him ; Let a gallows be made of fifty Cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the King that *Mordecai* may be hanged thereon : then go thou merrily with the King unto the Banquet. And the thing pleased *Haman*, and he caused the gallows to be made.

Ester 7. 10. But *Haman himself* was hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for *Mordecai*.

Luke 14. 7, When Jesus marked how they chose out the chief rooms, he put forth a parable to them, saying,

8, When thou art bidden of any Man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him ;

9, And he that bad thee and him, come and say to thee, Give this Man place ; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10, But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room, that when he that bad thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher : then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11. For whosoever exalteth himself, shall be abased : and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

§. 4. Of Vain-glory.

Gal. 5. 26. Let us not be desirous of Vain-glory.

1 *Thes.* 2. 6. Not of Men sought we Glory, neither of you, nor yet of others.

Matth. 23. 5, The Scribes and Pharisees do all their

their Works for to be seen of Men, they make broad their Phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments :

6, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the Synagogues,

7, And greetings in the Markets, and to be called of Men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

3, But do not ye after their Works.

8. Be not ye called Rabbi ; for one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are Brethren.

John 5. 44. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another ?

John 12. 42, Among the chief Rulers *indeed*, many believed on Christ : but because of the Pharisees they would not confess him ; —

43. For they loved the praise of Men, more than the praise of God.

CHAP. V.

§. I. Of Meekness.

Matth. **B**lessed are the Meek : for they shall inherit the Earth.

Psal. 22. 26. The Meek shall eat, and be satisfied.

Psal. 37. 11. They shall delight themselves in the abundance of Peace.

Psal. 147. 6. The Lord lifteth up the Meek.

Psal. 149. 4. He will beautifie the Meek with Salvation.

Psal. 25. 9. The Meek will he guide in Judgment : and the Meek will he teach his way.

James 3. 13. Who is a wise Man, and endued with knowledge amongst you ? Let him shew out of a good Conversation his works with the meekness of wisdom.

Eph.

Eph. 4. 1. I beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the Vocation wherewith ye are called,

2. With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.

1 Pet. 3. 4. Let your *adorning* be the hidden Man of the Heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet Spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Tit. 3. 1. Put them in mind —

2. To speak evil of no Man, to be no Brawlers; but gentle, shewing all Meekness to all Men.

Matth. 11. 29. Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly, and ye shall find rest to your Souls.

§. 2. Of Anger.

Eccles. 7. 9. Be not hasty in thy Spirit to be angry: for Anger resteth in the bosom of Fools.

Prov. 14. 17. He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly.

29. He that is slow to wrath, is of great Understanding: but he that is hasty of Spirit, exalteth Folly.

Prov. 9. 11. The discretion of a Man deferreth his Anger: and it is his glory to pass over a Transgression.

Prov. 25. 28. He that hath no rule over his own Spirit, is like a City that is broken down, and without Walls.

Prov. 29. 22. An angry man stirreth up strife; and a furious Man aboundeth in Transgression.

Prov. 22. 24. Make no Friendship with an angry Man: and with a furious Man thou shalt not go,

25. Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy Soul.

Psal. 37. 8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath : fret not thy self in any wise to do evil.

Eph. 4. 26, Be angry and sin not ; let not the Sun go down upon your wrath :

31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

James 1. 19, Let every Man be slow to wrath :

20. For the wrath of Man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Prov. 19. 19. A Man of great wrath shall suffer punishment.

Matth. 5. 22. Whosoever is angry with his Brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the Judgment.

CHAP. VI.

§. 1. Of Temperance and Sobriety.

Prov. 23. 20. **B**E not amongst Wine-bibbers, amongst riotous eaters of Flesh.

Eph. 5. 18. Be not drunk with Wine, wherein is excess : but be filled with the Spirit.

1 *Thes.* 5. 7, They that be drunken, are drunken in the night.

8. But let us who are of the day, be sober.

Rom. 13. 13. Let us walk honestly as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness.

1 *Cor.* 9. 24, They which run in a race, run all ; but one receiveth the prize. So run that ye may obtain.

25. But every Man that striveth for the Mastery, is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible Crown, but we an incorruptible.

§. 2. Of Gluttony and Drunkenness.

Prov. 23. 21. The Drunkard and the Glutton shall come to poverty.

Matth. 24. 48, If the evil Servant shall say in his Heart, My Lord delayeth his coming,

49, And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken :

50, The Lord of that Servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of ;

51. And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the Hypocrites : there shall be weeping and gnashing of Teeth.

Luke 21. 34. Take heed therefore to your selves ; lest at any time your Hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and so that day come upon you unawares.

§. 3. Of Drunkenness in particular.

1 Kings 16. 9, 10. And *Asa's* Servant *Zimri* (Captain of half his Chariots) conspired against him as he was in *Tirzah*, drinking himself drunk in the House of *Arza*, steward of his house in *Tirzah* : And *Zimri* went in, and smote him, and kill'd him.

1 Kings 20. 16, 19, 20, 21. *Benbadad* was drinking himself drunk in the Pavilions, he and the Kings, the thirty and two Kings that helped him : And the young Men of the Princes of the Provinces came out of the City, and the Army which followed them : And they slew every one his Man ; and the Syrians fled, and *Israel* pursued them : And *Benbadad* the King of Syria escaped on an Horse with the

the horsemen. And the King of *Israel* went out, and smote the Horses and Chariots, and slew the *Syrians* with a great slaughter.

Prov. 20. 1. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby, is not wise.

Prov. 23. 31, Look not upon the Wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the Cup, when it moveth it self aright.

32, At the last it biteth like a Serpent, and stingeth like an Adder.

33, Thine Eyes shall behold strange Women, and thine Heart shall utter perverse things.

Isai. 5. 11, Wo unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night till Wine doth inflame them.

22. Wo unto them that are mighty to drink Wine, and Men of Strength to mingle strong drink.

Prov. 23. 29, Who hath wo? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30. They that tarry long at the Wine, they that go to seek mixt Wine.

1 Cor. 6. 10. Drunkards shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

§. 4. Of drawing others into Drunkenness.

Heb. 2. 15, Wo unto him that giveth his Neighbour drink; that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their Nakedness.

16. Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink

thou also, and let thy fore-skin be uncovered: The cup of the Lords right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory:

C H A P. VII.

§. 1. Of Chastity.

1 Thes. **T**HIS is the will of God, even your
4. 3, Sanctification, that ye should abstain
from fornication;

4, That every one of you should know how to
possess his vessel in Sanctification and Honour:

5, Not in the lust of Concupiscence, even as the
Gentiles which know not God.

7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness,
but unto holiness.

Eph. 5. 3. Fornication and uncleanness, let it
not be once named amongst you, as becometh
Saints.

Job 31. 1, I have made a Covenant with mine
eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

9, If mine heart have been deceived by a woman,
or if I have laid wait at my Neighbours door;

10. Then let my wife grind unto another, and let
others bow down upon her.

Gen. 39. 7, When Joseph's Master's wife cast her
eyes upon him, and said, Lie with me,

8, He refused:

10. And though she spake to Joseph day by day,
yet he hearkned not unto her, to lie by her, or to
be with her.

§. 2. Of the Sinfulness of Adultery, Fornication, and Uncleanness

Gen. 20. 9. Then *Abimelech* called *Abraham*, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me, and on my Kingdom, a great Sin?

Gen. 26. 8, 9, 10. *Abimelech*, King of the Philistines, looked out at a window, and saw, and behold, *Isaac* was sporting with *Rebekah* his Wife. *Abimelech* called *Isaac*, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, she is my sister? What is this thou hast done unto us? One of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou should'st have brought guiltiness upon us.

Exod. 20. 14. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

Levit. 18. 20. Thou shalt not lie carnally with thy Neighbours wife, to defile thy self with her.

Prov. 6. 29. He that goeth in to his Neighbours wife, whosoever toucheth her, shall not be innocent.

Matth. 5. 28. Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed Adultery with her already in his heart.

I Cor. 6. 18, Flee fornication. For he that committeth fornication, sinneth against his own body.

19, What, know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

15. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

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Gen. 39. 9. How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

2 Cor. 12. 20. I fear lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would. ; —

21. — And that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness, and fornication, and lasciviousness which they have committed.

§. 3. *Of the Punishment of Adultery, Fornication, and Uncleanness.*

Gen. 12. 17, 18, 19. And the Lord plagued *Pharaoh* and his house with great plagues, because of *Sarai*, *Abram's* Wife. And *Pharaoh* called *Abram*, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she was thy Wife? Why, said'st thou, She is my sister? So I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore, behold thy wife, take her, and go away.

Gen. 20. 2, 3, 7. *Abimelech* King of *Gerar* sent, and took *Sarah*. But God came to *Abimelech* in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead Man, for the Woman which thou hast taken: for she is a Man's wife. Now therefore restore the Man his wife: and if thou restore her not, know then that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Prov. 5. 3, The lips of a strange Woman drop as the Honey-comb, and her mouth is smoother than Oyl.

4, But her end is bitter as Wormwood, sharp as a two-edged Sword.

5, Her feet go down to Death; her steps take hold on Hell.

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6, Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

9, Left thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

10, Left strangers be filled with thy wealth, and thy labours be in the house of a Stranger;

11, And thou mourn at the last, when thy Flesh and thy Body are consumed.

20. And why wilt thou, my Son, be ravish'd with a strange Woman, and embrace the bosom of a Stranger?

Job 31. 11, For this is an hainous crime; yea it is an Iniquity to be punished by the Judges.

12. It is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and will root out all *thine* increase.

Prov. 6. 26. For by means of a whorish woman, a Man is brought to a piece of bread: And the Adulterers will hunt for the precious life.

Prov. 7. 26, She hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong Men have been slain by her.

27. Her house is the way to hell; going down to the Chambers of Death.

Prov. 6. 32. Whoso committeth Adultery with a woman, lacketh understanding: he that doth it, destroyeth his own Soul.

Heb. 13. 4. For Whoremongers and Adulterers God will judge.

1 Cor. 6. 9, Be not deceived: Neither Fornicators; nor Adulterers, nor effeminate, nor Abusers of themselves with Mankind,

10.—shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph. 5. 5. For this ye know, that no whore-monger, nor unclean person, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

§. 4. Of *Abstaining from all fleshly Lusts, and of mortifying them.*

2 Tim. 2. 22. Flee youthful Lusts.

Rom. 12. 14. Make not provision for the Flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 Pet. 2. 11. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the Soul.

Matth. 5. 29. If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into Hell.

30. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole Body should be cast into Hell.

Col. 3. 5, Mortifie therefore your members which are upon the Earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and evil concupiscence, —

6. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience.

Rom. 8. 13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall dye: But if ye through the spirit do mortifie the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

1 Cor. 9. 27. I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away.

§. 5. Of *Marriage.*

Gen. 2. 18, And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone: I will make him an help meet for him.

21, And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: And he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

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That I may do something in order to prevent all Incestuous and Unlawful Marriages, I have here set down a Table of the Prohibited Degrees, most of which we find forbidden in the 18th and 20th Chapters of Leviticus.

*It is not lawful for a Man to
Marry his*

- 1 **G**randmother,
- 2 **G**randfathers Wife,
- 3 Wives Grandmother,
- 4 Fathers Sister,
- 5 Mothers Sister,
- 6 Fathers Brothers Wife,
- 7 Mothers Brothers Wife,
- 8 Wives Fathers Sister,
- 9 Wives Mothers Sister,
- 10 Mother,
- 11 Step-mother,
- 12 Wives Mother,
- 13 Daughter,
- 14 Wives Daughter,
- 15 Sons Wife,
- 16 Sister,
- 17 Wives Sister,
- 18 Brothers Wife,
- 19 Sons Daughter,
- 20 Daughters Daughter,
- 21 Sons Sons Wife,
- 22 Daughters Sons Wife,
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- 24 Wives Daughters Daughter,
- 25 Brothers Daughter,
- 26 Sisters Daughter,
- 27 Brothers Sons Wife,
- 28 Sisters Sons Wife,
- 29 Wives Brothers Daughter,
- 30 Wives Sisters Daughter.

*It is not lawful for a Woman
to Marry her*

- 1 **G**randfather, (band,
- 2 Grandmothers Hus-
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- 4 Fathers Brother,
- 5 Mothers Brother,
- 6 Fathers Sisters Husband,
- 7 Mothers Sisters Husband,
- 8 Husbands Fathers Brother,
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- 24 Husbands Daughters Son,
- 25 Brothers Son,
- 26 Sisters Son,
- 27 Brothers Daughters Husband,
- 28 Sisters Daughters Husband,
- 29 Husbands Brothers Son,
- 30 Husbands Sisters Son.

*The particular Duties of the Married, See Chap. the
21 of this Part.*

22, And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23, And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Heb. 13. 4. Marriage is honourable in] all, and the bed undefiled.

1 Cor. 7. 2. To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1 Tim. 4. 1, Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils,

3. Forbidding to marry.

C H A P. VIII.

§. I. Of Contentedness.

Gen. 33. 9. **A**Nd Esau said, I have enough, my brother, keep that thou hast unto thy self.

Heb. 13. 5. Be content with such things as ye have.

1 Tim. 6. 8, Having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

6. For Godliness with Contentment is great gain.

Phil. 4. 11, I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: Every where, and in all things I am

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instructed both to be full, and to be hungry ; both to abound, and to suffer need.

§. 2. Of Discontent.

1 Kings 21. 1, Naboth the Jezreelite had a Vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Abab King of Samaria.

2, And Abab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy Vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto mine house, and I will give thee for it a better Vineyard than it ; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3, And Naboth said to Abab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4. And Abab came into his house, heavy and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him : And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

§. 3. Of Murmuring.

Phil. 2. 14. Do all things without Murmurings.

1 Cor. 10. 10. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, who were destroyed of the destroyer.

See Part II. Chap. 5. Sect. 2.

§. 4. Of Envy.

Prov. 14. 30. Envy is the rottenness of the bones.

Job 5. 2. Envy slayeth the silly one.

James 3. 14. If ye have bitter Envy and Strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15, This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

10 *Acts* 7. 9. The *Patriarchs* moved with envy, sold *Joseph* into *Egypt*.

97 *Mark* 15. 10. The chief Priests delivered Christ himself for envy.

§. 5. Of Covetousness.

Josh. 7. 20, 21. And *Achan* answered *Joshua* and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of *Israel*; and thus and thus have I done: when I saw among the spoils a goodly *Babylonish* garment, and two hundred shekels of Silver, and a Wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I counted them, and took them.

Eccles. 4. 8. There is one alone, and there is not a second: Yea, he hath neither child nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labour, neither is his eye satisfied with Riches.

Isai. 5. 8. Wo unto them that joyn house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the Earth.

Exod. 20. 17. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.

Heb. 12. 5. Let your Conversation be without Covetousness.

Luke 12. 15. Take heed, and beware of Covetousness.

Eph. 5. 3. Covetousness, let it not be once named amongst you, as becometh saints.

Col. 3. 5. For Covetousness is Idolatry.

Psal. 62. 10. If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Luke 12. 15. For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Eccles. 5. 10. He that loveth Silver, shall not be satisfied with Silver: nor he that loveth abundance with increase.

Prov. 28. 20, He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

22. He that hasteth to be rich, hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

1 *Tim. 6. 9,* They that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

2 *Tim. 4. 10.* Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.

Matth. 26. 14, Judas went unto the chief Priests,

15, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Jesus unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of Silver.

16. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Psal. 10. 3. The Covetous is he, whom the Lord abhorreth.

Eph. 5. 5. And no covetous man who is an Idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, and of God.

Psal.

Psal. 119. 36. *Lord*, incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to Covetousness.

C H A P. IX.

§. 1. Of Diligence in our Secular Concerns.

1 Thes. **W**E beseech you, brethren,——

4. 10, 11. That ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands as we commanded you.

2 Thes. 3. 10, For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busie bodies.

12. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Prov. 10. 4. The hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Prov. 13. 11. He that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Prov. 12. 27. The substance of a diligent man is precious.

Prov. 13. 4. The soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Prov. 22. 29. Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before Kings, he shall not stand before mean men.

Prov. 12. 24. The hand of the diligent shall bear rule.

§. 2. Of Sloth and Idleness.

Prov. 6. 6, Go to the Ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways, and be wise ;

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7, Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
8, Provideth her meat in Summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9, How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10, Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.

11. So shall thy poverty come, as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

Prov. 20. 13. Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty: Open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

Prov. 19. 15. Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, and an idle Soul shall suffer hunger.

Prov. 13. 4. The Soul of the Sluggard desireth, and hath nothing.

Prov. 20. 4. The Sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold: therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Prov. 18. 9. He that is slothful in his work, is brother to him that is a great waster.

Prov. 24. 30, I went by the field of the Slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding.

31. And lo, it was all grown over with thorns; and nettles had covered the face thereof; and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

Eccles. 10. 18. By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands, the house droppeth through.

C H A P. X.

§. I. Of Justice.

Rom. **R**ender to all their Dues:

13. 7. *Matth.* 7. 12. All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them : for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Micab 6. 8. God hath shewed thee, O Man, what is good ; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly,——

Prov. 21. 3. To do justice and judgment, is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Prov. 16. 8. Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right.

Isai. 33. 15, He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly ; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes ;——

16. He shall dwell on high : his place of defence shall be the Munitions of rocks : bread shall be given him, his water shall be sure.

Ezek. 18. 5, If a Man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

7, And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, and hath spoiled none by violence ;-----

8, He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between Man and Man.

9.----He shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

§. 2. Of Injustice in general.

Prov. 28. 8. He that by Usury and unjust Gain increaseth his Substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

Jer. 17. 11. As the Partridge sitteth on Eggs, and hatcheth them not : so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

Jer. 22. 13. Wo unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong.

Zech. 7. 10. Let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your hearts.

§. 3. Of Robbery, Oppression, Extortion:

Exod. 22. 21. Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him.

Exod. 22. 22, 23, 24. Ye shall not afflict any Widow, or fatherless Child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry ; and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword ; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

Levit. 19. 13. Thou shalt not rob thy Neighbour:

Prov. 28. 24. Whoso robbeth his Father or his Mother, and saith, It is no Transgression ; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

Prov. 22. 22. Rob not the poor, because he is poor : neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.

Zech. 7: 10. Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor.

Prov. 14. 31. He that oppresseth the poor, reproacheth his Maker.

Prov. 22. 16. He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, shall surely come to want.

Levit. 19. 13. The wages of him that is hired, shall not abide with thee all night, until the morning.

Jer. 22. 13. Wo unto him that useth his Neighbours service without wages, and giveth him not for his work.

James

James 5. 4. Behold, the hire of the labourers which have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth : and the cries of them which have reaped, are entred into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Prov. 21. 7. The Robbery of the wicked shall destroy them.

Mal. 3. 5. I will come near to you to Judgment ; and I will be a swift witness against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Ezek. 22. 29. The people of the land have used Oppression, and exercised Robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy ; yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

31. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them ; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath ; their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

Job 27. 13. This is the portion of a wicked Man with God, and the heritage of oppressors which they shall receive of the Almighty :

14, If his Children be multiplied, it is for the sword : and his Off-spring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15, Those that remain of him shall be buried in death ; and his widows shall not weep.

16, Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay ;

17. He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on ; and the innocent shall divide the silver.

Job 20. 19. Because he hath oppressed, and hath

forfaken the poor ; becaufe he hath violently taken away an houfe which he builded not :

20. Surely he fhall not feel quietnefs in his belly, he fhall not fave of that which he defired.

Ex. k. 22. 12. Thou haft taken ufury and increafe, and thou haft greedily gained of thy Neighbours by extortion, and haft forgotten me, faith the Lord God :

13. Behold therefore, I have fmitten mine hand at thy difhoneft gain which thou haft made.

1 Cor. 6. 10. Extortioners fhall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

§. 4. *Of Theft, Fraud, and Deceit.*

Exod. 20. 15. Thou fhalt not steal.

Eph. 4. 28. Let him that ftule, steal no more.

Prov. 29. 24. Whofo is partner with a Thief, hateth his own Soul.

Levit. 19. 11. Ye fhall not steal, neither deal falſely.

Zech. 5. 3. Every one that ſtealeth, fhall be cut off.

1 Pet. 4. 15. Let none of you ſuffer as a Thief.

1 Cor. 6. 10. For Thieves fhall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Prov. 29. 24. Whofo is partner with a Thief, hateth his own Soul.

Levit. 19. 13. Thou fhalt not defraud thy Neighbour.

Prov. 20. 17. Bread of deceit is ſweet to a Man ; but afterward his mouth fhall be filled with gravel.

1 Theſ. 4. 6. Let no Man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter, becauſe that the Lord is the Avenger of all ſuch.

Levit. 25. 14. If thou ſell ought unto thy Neighbour,

bour, or buyest ought of thy Neighbours hand; ye shall not oppress one another.

Prov. 20. 14. It is naught, it is naught, saith the Buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

Deut. 25. 13, Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.

14, Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.

15. But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Levit. 19. 35, Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meet-yard, in weight, or in measure.

36. Just balances, just weights, a just Ephah, and a just Hin shall ye have: I am the Lord your God.

Micah 6. 10, Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

11. Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

Prov. 11. 1. A false balance is abomination to the Lord.

Prov. 20. 10. Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord.

Prov. 22. 28. Remove not the ancient land-mark, which thy fathers have set.

Deut. 19. 14. Thou shalt not remove thy Neighbours land-mark.

Deut. 27. 17. Cursed be he that removeth his Neighbours land-mark.

§. 5. Of Restitution.

Exod. 22. 1, 4. If a Man shall steal an Ox, or a Sheep, and kill it, or sell it, he shall restore five Oxen for an Ox, and four Sheep for a Sheep. If the Theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be Ox, or Ass, or Sheep, he shall restore double. 5. If a Man shall cause a Field or Vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another Man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard shall he make restitution.

Psal. 37. 21. The wicked is he that borroweth, and payeth not again.

Exod. 22. 14. If a Man borrow ought of his Neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good.

Levit. 6. 4. He shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found.

1 Sam. 12. 1. And Samuel said unto all Israel, —

3. Behold, here I am; witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed: Whose Ox have I taken? or whose Ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

Luke 19. 8. *Zacheus* stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken any thing from any Man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

Gen. 43. 12. *Israel* said unto his Sons, Take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought

brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight.

Gen. 44. 8. Behold, the money which we found in our sacks mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of *Canaan* : how then should we steal out of thy Lord's house Silver or Gold?

C H A P. XI.

§. 1. Of Faithfulness and true Friendship.

Prov. 20. 6. **M**ost Men will proclaim every one his goodness: but a faithful Man who can find?

Prov. 17. 17. A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Prov. 18. 24. Yea, there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Prov. 27. 9, As ointment and perfume rejoyce the Heart; so doth the sweetness of a Man's friend by hearty counsel.

10. Thine own friend, and thy Father's friend, forsake not.

Prov. 18. 24. A Man that hath friends, must shew himself friendly.

§. 2. Of friendly Admonition.

Levit. 19. 17. Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy Neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Matth. 18. 15. If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

Prov. 17. 10. A reproof entreth more into a wise Man, than an hundred stripes into a Fool.

Prov.

Prov. 15. 5. He that regardeth reproof, is prudent.

Prov. 12. 1. But he that hateth reproof, is brutish.

Prov. 15. 32. He that refuseth instruction, despiseth his own Soul :

10. And he that hateth reproof, shall die.

Prov. 28. 23. He that rebuketh a Man, afterwards shall find more favour, than he that flattereth with the Tongue.

Psal. 141. 5. Let the Righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness : and let him reprove me, it shall be, an excellent oil which shall not break my head.

Prov. 27. 6. Faithful are the wounds of a friend : but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

§. 3. Of Unfaithfulness.

Prov. 25. 19 Confidence in an unfaithful Man in time of trouble, is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

Psal. 69. 20. Reproach hath broken mine Heart, and I am full of heaviness ; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none ; and for comforters, but I found none.

Psal. 41. 9. Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did also eat of my bread, hath lift up his heel against me.

Psal. 55. 12. It is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour, for then I could have borne it.

13, Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnifie himself against me ; for then peradventure I would have hid my self from him.

14, But it was even thou, my companion, my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

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15. We took sweet counfel together, and walked in the house of God as friends.

Job 19. 14, My kinsfolks have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15, They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

16, I called my servant, and he gave me no answer: I intreated him with my mouth.

17, My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the childrens sake of mine own body.

19, All my inward friends abhorred me; and they whom I loved, are turned against me.

21. Have pity upon me; have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

§. 4. *Of Flattery.*

Prov. 20. 19. Meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

Prov. 26. 24, He that hateth, dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him.

25, When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

28. A flattering mouth worketh ruine.

Prov. 29. 5. A Man that flattereth his Neighbour, spreadeth a net for his feet.

Pfal. 12. 1, Help, Lord, for the godly Man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of Men.

2, They speak vanity every one with his Neighbour; with flattering Lips, and with a double Heart do they speak.

3. The Lord shall cut off all flattering Lips, and the Tongue that speaketh proud things.

Job 17. 5. He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his Children shall fail.

Job 32. 21, Let me not, I pray you, accept any Man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto Man.

22. For I know not to give flattering titles : In so doing my Maker would soon take me away.

C H A P. XII.

§. 1. Of Truth.

Zeck. **T**Hese are the things that ye shall do ;
8. 6. speak ye every Man the truth to his Neighbour. —

Eph. 4. 25. Speak every Man truth with his Neighbour : for we are Members one of another.

Prov. 12. 17, He that speaketh truth, sheweth forth righteousness.

19. And the lip of truth shall be established for ever.

Psal. 15. 1, Lord, who shall abide in thy Tabernacle ? who shall dwell in thy holy Hill ?

1. Even he that walketh uprightly, and worketh Righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his Heart.

§. 2. Of Lying.

Levit. 19. 11. Ye shall not lie one to another.

Col. 3. 9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old Man with his deeds.

John 8. 44. The Devil, when he speaketh a Lie, he speaketh of his own : for he is a Liar, and the Father of it.

Psal. 58. 3. The wicked are estranged from the womb, they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking Lies.

Prov.

Prov. 12. 5. But a righteous Man hateth Lying.

Psal. 119. 163. I hate and abhor Lying: but thy Law do I love.

Psal. 101. 7. He that telleth Lies, shall not tarry in my sight.

Prov. 19. 22. A poor Man is better than a Liar.

Prov. 21. 6. The getting of treasures by a lying Tongue, is a Vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

Prov. 12. 19. A lying Tongue is but for a moment.

Psal. 63. 11. And the mouth of them that speak Lies, shall be stopped.

Prov. 19. 5, He that speaketh Lies shall not escape.

9. He that speaketh Lies shall perish.

Prov. 12. 22. For lying Lips are abomination to the Lord.

Rev. 21. 8. And all Liars shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

Prov. 30. 8. Remove far from me Vanity and Lies.

Psal. 119. 29. Remove from me the way of Lying; and grant me thy law graciously.

C H A P. XIII.

§. I. Of Peace.

Col. 3. 15. **L**et the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body.

Heb. 12. 14. Follow peace with all men, and holiness; without which no man shall see God.

Rom. 12. 18. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

2 Cor. 13. 11. Live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

1 Pet. 3. 10, He that will love life, and see good days,——

11. Let him eschew evil, and do good ; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

Jam. 3. 17, The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easie to be intreated.——

18. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Matth. 5. 9. Blessed are the peace-makers : for they shall be called the Children of God.

Rom. 14. 19. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace.

§. 2. *Of Unlawful Wars, Murder, and Blood-shed.*

Jam. 4. 1. From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts, that war in your members?

Matth. 26. 52. All they that take the sword, shall perish with the sword.

Exod. 20. 13. Thou shalt not kill.

Gen. 9. 6. Whoso sheddeth mans blood, by man shall his blood be shed : for in the image of God made he man.

Exod. 21. 12, He that smiteth a man, so that he dye, shall surely be put to death.

14. If a man come presumptuously upon his Neighbour to slay him with guile, thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may dye.

Hab. 2. 12. Wo to him that buildeth a town with blood.

Lev. 24. 17. He that killeth any man, shall surely be put to Death.

Rev.

Rev. 13. 10. He that killeth with the Sword must be killed with the Sword.

Rev. 6. 9, 10. I saw under the Altar the Souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, Holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the Earth?

1 Kings 2. 31, 32. And the King said unto him, do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayst take the innocent blood which *Joab* shed, from me, and from the house of my Father. And the Lord shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, my Father *David* not knowing thereof, &c.

Deut. 19. 11, 12, 13. If any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these Cities: Then the Elders of his City shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the Avenger of Blood, that he may die. Thine Eye shall not pity him: but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from *Israel*, that it may go well with thee.

Numb. 35. 31, Ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a Murderer, which is guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to death.

33. So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

Psal. 9. 12. The Lord will make inquisition for blood.

Deut.

Deut. 32. 43. The Lord will avenge the blood of his Servants.

Gen. 4. 8. When Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him ;

9, Then the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother ?

10, What hast thou done ? the voice of thy brothers blood cryeth unto me from the ground.

11, And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brothers blood from thy hand.

12. When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength : A fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

2 *Kings* 6. 9. Thus saith the Lord God of *Israel*, I have anointed thee [*Jebo*] King over the people of the Lord, even over *Israel*.

7. And thou shalt smite the house of *Abab* thy Master, that I may avenge the blood of my Servants the Prophets, and the blood of all the Servants of the Lord, at the hand of *Jezebel*.

2 *Kings* 24. 3, At the Commandment of the Lord there came destruction upon *Judah*, to remove them out of his sight, for the Sins of *Manasseh*, according to all that he did ;

4. And also for the innocent blood that he shed (for he filled *Jerusalem* with innocent blood,) which the Lord would not pardon.

Ezek. 9. 9. The iniquity of the house of *Israel* and *Judah* is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, —

10. Therefore mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

Ezek.

Ezek. 35. 5, Because thou hast shed the blood of the Children of *Israel* by the force of the Sword.--

6. Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

Luke 11. 50, The blood of all the Prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, shall be required of this generation :

51. From the blood of *Abel* unto the blood of *Zacharias*, who perished between the Altar and the Temple; Verily I say, unto you, it shall be required of this generation.

Deut. 27. 24, Cursed be he that smiteth his Neighbour secretly.

25. Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person.

Psal. 5. 6. The Lord will abhor both the Blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

Psal. 55. 23. The Blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days.

Rev. 21. 8. Murtherers shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

Psal. 26. 9. O shut not up my soul with Sinners, nor my life with the blood-thirsty.

Psal. 51. 14. Deliver me from Blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my Salvation.

§. 3. Of Strife and Contention.

Prov. 17. 14, The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

19. He loveth transgression, that loveth strife.

Prov. 26. 17. He that passeth by, and meddlerh with strife belonging not to him; is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

21. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire: so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Jam. 3. 14, If ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lye not against the truth.

15, This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion, and every evil work.

Prov. 20. 3. It is an honour for a man to cease from strife.

Gen. 13. 7, When there was a strife between the herd-men of *Abrams* Cattel, and the herd-men of *Lots* Cattel:

8. *Then Abram* said unto *Lot*, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herd-men and thy herd-men; for we be brethren.

C H A P. XIV.

§. 1. Of Love and Charity.

Levit. 19. 18. **T**Hou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self: I am the Lord.

Rom. 13. 8, Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the Law.

9. For this, Thou shalt not commit Adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet: and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended

prehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self.

I *John* 3. 11. This is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

John 13. 34. A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 15. 12. This is my Commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 13. 35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

I *John* 3. 10, In this the Children of God are manifest, and the Children of the Devil: Whosoever doth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

14. He that loveth not his brother, abideth in death.

I *John* 4. 7, Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God.

8, He that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is love.

11, Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12, If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

20, He that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen.

21. And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also.

Rom. 12. 10. Be ye therefore kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love.

1 John 3. 18. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed, and in truth.

Rom. 12. 9. Let love be without dissimulation.

1 Pet. 1. 22. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Rom. 13. 10. Love worketh no ill to his Neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the Law.

Matth. 6. 44, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you;

45, That ye may be the Children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his Sun to rise on the evil, and on the good; and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46, For if ye love them which love you, what reward have you? do not even the Publicans the same?

47. If ye salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the Publicans so?

Luke 6. 33. And if ye do good to them *only* which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

1 Pet. 4. 8: Charity will cover a multitude of Sins.

1 Cor. 13. 4, Charity suffereth long, and is kind: Charity envieth not: Charity vaunteth not it self, is not puffed up:

5, Doth not behave it self unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil.

7. It beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Col. 3. 14. Charity is the bond of perfectness.

1 Pet. 4. 8. Above all things therefore, have fervent Charity among your selves.

§ 2. *Of Hatred, Malice, and Ill-will.*

Lewit. 19. 17. Thou shalt not hate thy Brother in thine Heart.

Prov. 10. 18. He that hideth Hatred with lying Lips, is a Fool.

Prov. 15. 17. Better is a dinner of Herbs where Love is, than a stalled Ox, and Hatred therewith.

Prov. 26. 26. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole Congregation.

1 John 2. 9, He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

11. He that hateth his brother, is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 4. 20. If any say, I love God, and hateth his Brother, he is a Liar.

1 John 3. 15. Whosoever hateth his Brother, is a Murderer: and ye know that no Murderer hath eternal Life abiding in him.

1 Cor. 14. 20. Brethren, be not Children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye Children.

Eph. 4. 31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Col. 3. 8. Put off all these, anger, wrath, malice,——

Zech. 7. 10. Let none of you imagine evil against his Brother in your heart.

James 5. 9. Grudge not one against another, Brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold the Judge standeth before the door.

§ 3. Of Judging, Censuring, and Condemning.

Matth. 7. 1. Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2, For with what Judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3, And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy Brothers eye, but considerest not the Beam that is in thine own eye?

4, Or how wilt thou say to thy Brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5. Thou Hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy Brothers eye?

James 4. 11. He that speaketh evil of his Brother, and judgeth his Brother, speaketh evil of the Law, and judgeth the Law: but if thou judge the Law, thou art not a doer of the Law, but a judge.

12. There is one Law-giver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Rom. 14. 4. Who art thou that judgest another Man's Servant? to his own Master he standeth, or falleth.

Luke 6. 37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned.

§ 4. Of Backbiting and Slandering.

Exod. 23. 1. Thou shalt not raise a false report.

James 4. 11. Speak not evil one of another.

Tit. 2. 1. Put them in mind ———

2. To speak evil of no Man.

Prov. 10. 18. He that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

Psal. 50. 16, Unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my Statutes, or that thou shouldest take my Covenant in thy mouth?

17, Seeing thou hatest Instruction, and castest my Words behind thee.

20, Thou sittest, and speakest against thy Brother, thou slanderest thine own Mother's Son.

21. These things hast thou done, and I kept Silence: — but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

Psal. 105. 1. Whoso privily slandereth his Neighbour, him will I cut off.

Psal. 15. 1, Lord, who shall abide in thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy Hill?

3. Even he that backbiteth not with his Tongue,—nor taketh up a reproach against his Neighbour.

§ 5. *Of Tale-bearing and Whispering.*

Levit. 19. 16. Thou shalt not go up and down as a Tale-bearer among thy people.

Prov. 11. 13. A Tale-bearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful Spirit concealeth the matter.

Prov. 18. 8. The words of a Tale-bearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Prov. 20. 19. He that goeth about as a Tale-bearer, revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

Prov. 26. 20. Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no Tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth.

Prov. 16. 28. A whisperer separateth chief friends.

2 Cor. 12. 20. I fear lest when I come, I shall not find

find you such as I would, — and lest there be—
Whisperings among you.

C H A P. XV.

§ I. Of Charity in giving to the Necessities of Others.

Gen. 45. **T**Here will I nourish thee (for yet there
11. are five years of famine ;) lest thou,
and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to
poverty.

Gen. 47. 12. And Joseph nourished his Father,
and his Brethren, and all his Father's household with
bread, according to their families.

Gen. 50. 21. Now therefore fear ye not ; I will
nourish you and your little ones.

Levit. 19. 9, 10. When ye reap the harvest of
your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of
thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of
thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy Vine-
yard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy
Vineyard ; thou shalt leave them for the poor and
stranger. Chap. 23. 22.

Deut. 24. 19, 20, 21. When thou cuttest down
thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in
the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it ; it shall
be for the Stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the
Widow ; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in
all the work of thy hands. When thou beatest
thine Olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs
again ; it shall be for the Stranger, for the Father-
less, and for the Widow. When thou gatherest the
grapes of thy Vineyard, thou shalt not glean it af-
terward ; it shall be for the Stranger, for the Father-
less, and for the Widow.

Levit. 25. 35. If thy Brother be waxen poor, and fallen into decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him ; yea, though he be a Stranger, or a Sojourner, that he may live with thee.

Deut. 15. 7, If there be among you a poor Man of one of thy Brethren within any of thy gates, in thy Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy Heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor Brother.

8, But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficiently for his need, in that which he wanteth.

10. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine Heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him : because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

Prov. 3. 27, With-hold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

28. Say not unto thy Neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give, when thou hast it by thee.

Heb. 13. 16. To do good and to communicate, forget not ; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Gal. 6. 10. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all Men ; especially unto them who are of the household of faith :

Rom. 12. 13. Distributing to the Necessity of Saints.

Prov. 25. 21, If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat ; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink ;

22. — And the Lord shall reward thee.

Job 31. 16, If I have with-held the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17, Or have eaten my morsel my self alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

18, (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a Father, and I have guided her from my Mother's womb.)

19, If I have seen any perish for want of cloathing, or any poor without covering;

20, If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep:

22. Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade; and mine arm be broken from the bone.

Prov. 21. 26. The Righteous giveth, and spareth not.

Psal. 37. 26. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Psal. 112. 9. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Prov. 11. 25. The liberal Soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself.

Isai. 58. 10, 'If thou draw out thy Soul to the hungry, and satisfie the afflicted Soul: then shall thy Light rise in obscurity, and thy Darkness shall be as the noon day.

11. And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfie thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Prov. 22. 9. He that hath a bountiful Eye shall be blessed : for he giveth of his Bread to the poor.

Prov. 19. 17. He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord : and that which he hath given, will he pay him again.

Psal. 141. 1, Blessed is he that considereth the poor : the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

2, The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the Earth ; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his Enemies.

3, The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of Languishing : thou wilt make all his bed in his Sickness.

1 Tim. 6. 17, Charge them that are rich in this world,-----

18, That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

19. Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal Life.

Matth. 25. 34, For then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed Children of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World.

35, For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat : I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink : I was a Stranger, and ye took me in :

36, Naked, and ye clothed me : I was sick, and ye visited me : I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37, Then shall the Righteous answer him, saying, Lord,

Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee?
or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38, When saw we thee a Stranger, and took thee
in? or naked, and cloathed thee?

39, Or when saw we thee sick, or in Prison, and
came unto thee?

40, And the King shall answer, and say unto
them, Verily, I say unto you, in as much as ye have
done it unto one of the least of these my Brethren,
ye have done it unto me.

46. These *therefore* shall go into eternal Life.

Gal. 6. 9. Let us not *then* be weary in well doing:
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Rom. 12. 8. But he that giveth, let him do it with
simplicity: he that sheweth mercy with chearful-
ness.

2 Cor. 9. 7. Every Man according as he purposeth
in his Heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of
necessity; for God loveth a chearful giver.

2 Cor. 8. 12. For if there be first a willing Mind,
it is accepted according to that a Man hath, and not
according to that he hath not.

2 Cor. 9. 6. But he which soweth sparingly, shall
reap sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully,
shall reap bountifully.

§. 2. Of Compassion, or a Fellow-feeling of our Brother's
Troubles.

Col. 3. 12. Put on as the elect of God, holy and
beloved, bowels of Mercies.

Gal. 6. 2. Bear ye one anothers burthens, and so
fulfil the Law of Christ.

Eph. 4. 32. Be ye kind one to another; and ten-
der-hearted.

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Rom. 12. 15. Weep with them that weep.

Heb. 13. 3. Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being your selves also in the body.

Heb. 10. 32, After ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of Afflictions;

33, Partly whilst ye were made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions, and partly whilst ye became Companions of them that were so used.

34. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds.

Phil. 4. 14. And ye have well done that ye did communicate with my affliction.

Job. 30. 25. Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? Was not my Soul grieved for the poor?

Psal. 35. 13, As for me, when they [*even mine Enemies*] were sick, I put on Sackcloth, and humbled my Soul with fasting:

14. I behaved my self as though he had been my Friend, or my Brother; I went heavily as one that mourneth for his Mother.

§. 3. *Of the want of Charity and Compassion.*

Gen. 42. 21. And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our Brother, in that we saw the anguish of his Soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear: therefore is this distress come upon us.

Prov. 21. 13. Whoso stoppeth his Ears at the Cry of the Poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Deut. 15. 9. Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked Heart, and thine Eye be evil against thy poor Brother, and thou givest him nought, and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be Sin unto thee.

James 2. 15, If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food ;

16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be you warmed, and filled ; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body ; what doth it profit ?

Prov. 11. 24. There is that withholdeth more than is meet : but it tendeth to poverty.

1 *John 3. 17.* Whoso hath this worlds good, and seeth his Brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him ; how dwelleth the Love of God in him ?

James 2. 13. He shall have Judgment without Mercy, that hath shewed no Mercy.

Matth. 25. 41, The King will say to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.

42, For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat : I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink :

43, I was a stranger, and ye took me not in : naked, and ye clothed me not : sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44, Then shall they answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or a thirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee ?

45, Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, in as much as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46. These therefore shall go away into everlasting punishment.

§. 4. Of Hospitality.

Judg. 19. 16, 17, 18, 20, 21. Behold, there came an old Man from his work out of the field at even :

And

And when he had lift up his eyes, he saw a way-faring Man in the street of the city : and the old Man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? And he said unto him, We are passing from *Betlehem-judah*, toward the side of mount *Ephraim*, from thence am I: and I went to *Betlehem-judah*, but I am now going to the house of the Lord, and there is no Man that receiveth me to house. And the old Man said, Peace be with thee; let all thy wants lie upon me, only lodge not in the Street. So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the Asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

1 Sam. 30. 11, 12. And they found an *Egyptian* in the field, and brought him to *David*, and gave him bread, and he did eat, and they made him drink water. And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his Spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

1 Pet. 4. 9. Use Hospitality one to another, without grudging.

Heb. 13. 2. Be not forgetful to entertain Strangers: for thereby some have entertained Angels unawares.

Job 31. 32. The Stranger did not lodge in the Street: but I opened my Doors to the Traveller.

3 John 5. Beloved, thou dost faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the Brethren, and to Strangers.

Luke 14. 12, When thou makest a dinner, or a supper, call not thy Friends, nor thy Brethren, neither thy Kinsmen, nor thy rich Neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee.

13, But

13, But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind :

14. And thou shalt be blessed ; for they cannot recompense thee : for thou shalt be recompensed at the Resurrection of the Just.

C H A P. XVI.

§. I. Of Charity in forgiving Others.

Eph. **B**E ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Col. 3. 13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any Man have a quarrel against any : Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Mark 11. 25. When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any ; that your Father also which is in Heaven, may forgive you your trespasses.

Matth. 6. 14, For if ye forgive Men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you :

15. But if ye forgive not Men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matth. 18. 21, When Peter came to Jesus, and said, Lord, how oft shall my Brother sin against me and I forgive him ? Till seven times ?

22, Jesus answered, I say not unto thee, until seven times : but until seventy times seven.

23, Therefore is the Kingdom of Heaven likened, unto a certain King, which would take an account of his Servants.

24, And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which ought him ten thousand talents.

25, But

25, But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his Lord commanded him to be sold, and his Wife and Children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26, The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27, Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him his debt.

28, But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which ought him an hundred pence : and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29, And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30, And he would not : but went, and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31, So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their Lord all that was done.

32, Then his Lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me :

33, Should not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee ?

34, And his Lord was wrath, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35, So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

§. 2. Of Revenge.

Levit. 19. 18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any

any grudge against the children of thy People.

Prov. 24. 29. Say not, I will do so to him, as he hath done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.

Prov. 20. 22. Say not thou, I will recompence evil: but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

Rom. 12. 19, Dearly beloved, avenge not your selves, but rather give place unto wrath: For it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.

21. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Thess. 5. 15. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among your selves, and to all Men.

1 Pet. 3. 9. Not rendring evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing:

Ezek. 25. 12, Thus saith the Lord God, because that *Edom* hath dealt against the house of *Judah* by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13, Therefore thus saith the Lord God, I will also stretch out my hand upon *Edom*, and will cut off man and beast from it.

15. Because the *Philistines* have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despightful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred;

16, Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the *Philistines*.

17. And I will execute great vengeance upon them, with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

§. 3. Of Gratitude.

Exod. 2. 20. And he said unto his daughters, Where is he? Why is it that ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

1 Sam. 15. 6. And *Saul* said unto the *Kenites*, Go, depart, get you down from among the *Amalekites*, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the Children of *Israel* when they came up out of *Egypt*.

2 Sam. 10. 2. Then said *David*, I will shew kindness unto *Hanun*, the Son of *Nabash*, as his Father shewed kindness unto me. And *David* sent to comfort him, by the hand of his servants, for his Father.

2 Sam. 1. 26. I am distressed for thee, my brother *Jonathan*, very pleasant hast thou been unto me: Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of Women.

2 Sam. 9. 1, 6, 7. And *David* said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of *Saul*, that I may shew him kindness for *Jonathan's* sake? Now when *Mephibosheth* the Son of *Jonathan* the Son of *Saul* was come unto *David*, *David* said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness, for *Jonathan* thy Father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of *Saul* thy father, and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

2 Sam. 19. 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38. Now *Barzillai* was a very aged man, even fourscore years old, and he had provided the King of Sustenance, while he lay at *Mahanaim*: for he was a very great man. And the King said unto *Barzillai*, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in *Jerusalem*. And *Barzillai* said, Why should the King recompence it me with such a Reward? Behold, M

thy Servant *Chimham*, let him go over with my Lord the King, and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. And the King answered, *Chimham* shall go over with me, and I will do to him what shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee.

1 *King*. 2. 7. But shew kindness unto the Sons of *Barzillai* the *Gileadite*, and let them be of those that eat of thy table: for so they came to me when I fled, because of *Absalom* thy brother.

§. 4. Of Ingratitude.

Gen. 40. 23. Yet did not the chief Butler remember *Joseph*, but forgot him.

Eccles. 9. 14, 15. There was a little City, and few men within it: and there came a great King against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it. Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his Wisdom delivered the City; yet no man remembred that same poor man.

Psal. 109. 4, 5. For my love they are my adversaries. They have rewarded me evil for good; and hatred for my love.

Psal. 35. 12, 15. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my Soul. In mine Adversity they rejoyced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not.

Jer. 18. 20, &c. Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have digged a pit for my Soul: remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them. Therefore deliver up their Children to the Famine, &c.

Prov. 17. 13. Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

1 *Sam*.

1 Sam. 23. 5, 12. David and his men went to Keilab, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their Cattle, and smote them with a great Slaughter: So David saved the inhabitants of Keilab. Then said David, Will the men of Keilab deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the Lord said, They will deliver thee up.

1 Sam. 25. 21. Surely in vain (said David) have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missing of all that pertain'd unto him: and he hath rewarded me evil for good.

§. 5. *Of Satisfaction for Injuries, or Reconciliation to the person offended.*

Matth. 5. 23, If thou bring thy gift to the Altar, and there remembreth that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24, Leave there thy gift before the Altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25, Agree with thine Adversary quickly, whilst thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the Adversary deliver thee to the Judge, and the Judge deliver thee to the Officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26. Verily, I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

C H A P. XVII.

§. 1. *Of the Duty of Kings or Governors.*

Prov. 20. 26. A Wise King scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

1 Sam. 23. 3. He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

Rom. 13. 4. He is the Minister of God for Good, a Revenger to execute wrath upon him that doth evil.

Psal. 72. 2, He shall judge the people with righteousness, and the poor with judgment.

4, He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

14. He shall redeem their Soul from deceit and violence : and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

Prov. 20. 28. Mercy and truth preserve the King; and his Throne is upholden by Mercy.

Prov. 29. 14. The King that faithfully judgeth the poor, his Throne shall be established for ever.

Prov. 16. 12. It is abomination to Kings to commit wickedness : for the Throne is established by Righteousness.

Prov. 31. 4, It is not for Kings to drink Wine ; nor for Princes, strong Drink :

5. Lest they drink and forget the Law, and pervert the Judgment of any of the afflicted.

Psal. 2. 10, Be wise now therefore, O ye Kings : be instructed, ye Judges of the Earth.

11. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoyce with trembling.

§. 2. Of the Duty of Subjects.

1 *Sam. 24. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.* David's Heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's Skirt. And he said unto his Men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my Master the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord. So David staid his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. David then cried after

ter *Saul*, saying, My Lord the King. And when *Saul* looked behind him, *David* stooped with his face to the Earth, and bowed himself. And *David* said to *Saul*, Wherefore hearest thou mens words, saying, Behold, *David* seeketh my hurt? Behold this day thine Eyes have seen, how that the Lord hath delivered thee to day into my hand in the Cave: and some bad me kill thee, but mine Eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my Lord; for he is the Lord's Anointed. Moreover, my Father, see, yea see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and kill'd thee not, know thou and see, that there is neither Evil nor Transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee.

1 *Sam.* 26. 8, 9, 11. Then said *Abishai* to *David*, God hath delivered thine Enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the Spear, even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time. And *David* said to *Abishai*, Destroy him not: For who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless? The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed.

2 *Sam.* 1. 14, 15, 16. And *David* said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand, to destroy the Lord's anointed? And *David* called one of the young Men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. And *David* said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the Lord's anointed.

Exod. 22. 28. Thou shalt not revile the Gods, nor curse the Ruler of thy People.

Eccles. 10. 12. Curse not the King, no not in thy thought.

1 Pet. 2. 17. Fear God: Honour the King.

Prov. 24. 21. My Son, fear thou the Lord, and the King: and meddle not with them that are given to change.

Prov. 20. 2. The fear of a King is as the roaring of a Lion: whoso provoketh him to anger, sinneth against his own Soul.

Eccles. 8. 2. I counsel thee to keep the King's commandment, and that in regard of the Oath of God.

Rom. 13. 1, Let every Soul be subject unto the higher Powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God.

2, Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the Ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damnation.

3, For Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same.

4, But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he beareth not the sword in vain. For he is the Minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doth evil.

5, Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for Conscience sake.

6, For this cause pay you tribute also: for they are God's Ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7. Render therefore to all their dues, tribute to whom

whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.

1 Pet. 2. 23, Submit your selves to every ordinance of Man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the King as supreme,

14, Or unto Governours, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15. For so is the Will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish Men.

Tit. 3. 1. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.

§. 3. *Not to Obey them in Things sinful.*

Exod. 1. 15, The King of *Egypt* spake to the *Hebrew* Midwives,

16, And said, When ye do the Office of a Midwife to the *Hebrew* women, if it be a Son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a Daughter, then she shall live.

17. But the Midwives feared God, and did not as the King of *Egypt* commanded them, but saved the Men-children alive.

1 Sam. 22. 17. King *Saul* said unto the foot-men that stood about him, turn and slay the Priests of the Lord, because their hand also is with *David*, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the Servants of the King would not put forth their hand to fall upon the Priests of the Lord.

Dan. 3. 14. When *Nebuchadnezzar* spake unto *Sbdrach*, *Meshach*, and *Abednego*, and said unto them, Do ye not serve my gods, nor worship the golden Image which I have set up?

15, Now

15, Now if ye be ready, that at what time ye hear the sound of the Cornet, Flute, Harp, Sackbut, Psaltery and Dulcimer, and all kinds of Musick, ye fall down and worship the Image which I have made, well : but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace ; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands ?

16, *Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego* answered and said to the King, *C Nebuchadnezzar*, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17, If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King,

18. But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy Gods, nor worship thy golden Image which thou hast set up.

Dan. 6. 7, In the days of King Darius, all the Presidents of the Kingdom, the Governours, and the Princes, the Counsellors, and the Captains consulted together to establish a royal Statute, and to make a firm Decree, that whosoever should ask a petition of any God or Man for thirty days, save of the King, he should be cast into the den of Lions.

8, *And King Darius* signed the writing and the decree.

9. Now *though* Daniel knew that the writing was signed, yet he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber towards *Jerusalem*, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he aforetime did.

Acts 4. 18, When the Rulers and Elders called *Peter*

Peter and John, and commanded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the Name of Jesus;

19, They answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 5. 27, Again, when the High Priest asked the Apostles,

28, Saying, Did not we straitly command you, that you should not teach in this Name? And behold, you have filled *Jerusalem* with your Doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us.

29. Then *Peter* and the other Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than Men.

C H A P. XVIII.

§ 1. Of the Duty of Judges.

Deut. 16. 19. **T**Hou shalt not wrest Judgment, thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the Righteous.

20. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Levit. 19. 15. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in Judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy Neighbour.

Deut. 1. 17. You shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid of the face of Man, for the Judgment is Gods.

2 Chron. 19. 6, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge

judge not for Man, but for the Lord, who is with you in Judgment.

9. Wherefore now, let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed, and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Psal. 82. 1. God standeth in the Congregation of the mighty: he judgeth among the Gods.

2, How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked?

3, Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted, and needy.

4. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Prov. 31. 8, Open thy mouth for the dumb, in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction

9. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Amos 5. 24. Let Judgment run down as waters, and Righteousness as a mighty stream.

Prov. 17. 15. He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the Just: even they both are abomination to the Lord.

Isai. 10. 1, Wo unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write griveousness which they have prescribed.

2. To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless.

§. 2. Of the Duty of Witnesses in Judgment:

Levit. 5. 1. And if a Soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or

or known it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

Levit. 19. 12. Ye shall not swear by my Name falsely.

Jer. 4. 2. But ye shall swear in Truth, in Judgment, and in Righteousness.

Exod. 20. 16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.

Exod. 23. 1. Put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

Prov. 25. 18. A Man that beareth false witness against his Neighbour, is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Prov. 14. 25. But a true witness delivereth Souls.

Deut. 19. 16, If a false witness rise up against any Man to testifie against him that which is wrong;

19, Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his Brother: so shalt thou put the Evil away from among you;

20, And those which remain shall hear and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such Evil among you.

21. And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Prov. 6. 16, 19. The Lord hateth a false witness that speaketh Lies.

Prov. 19. 5. A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

§ 1. *Of the Duty of Pastors.*

Matth. **G**O, teach all Nations, baptizing them
28. 19. in the Name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Acts 20. 28. Take heed unto your selves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you over-seers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

1 *Tim.* 4. 12, Be thou an example of the Believers, in Word, in Conversation, in Charity, in Spirit, in Faith, in Purity.

13. Give attendance to Reading, to Exhortation, to Doctrine.

14, Neglect not the Gift that is in thee.—

15, Meditate upon these things, give thy self wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.

16. Take heed unto thy self, and to thy Doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this, thou shalt save both thy self, and them that hear thee.

2 *Tim.* 2. 15, Study to shew thy self approved unto God, a Workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth.

16. But shun profane and vain babblings; for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

23, Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24, For the Servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all Men, apt to teach, patient.

25. In meekness instructing those that oppose them—

themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth.

2 *Tim.* 4. 2. Preach the word : be instant in season, out of season : reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine.

Tit. 2. 7, In all things shewing thy self a pattern of good works : in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8. Sound speech that cannot be condemned ; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

§ 2. *Of the Peoples Duty towards their Pastors.*

Matth. 10. 14, Whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words ; when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet :

15, Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of *Sodom* and *Gomorrhah* in the day of Judgment, than for that City.

40. He that receiveth you, receiveth me ; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

Luke 10. 16. He that despiseth you, despiseth me ; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

1 *Cor.* 4. 1. Let a Man so account of us, as of the Ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the Mysteries of God.

1 *Thes.* 5. 12, We beseech you, Brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you ;

13. And to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake.

Heb. 13. 7, Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God :

17. Obey

17. Obey them, and submit your selves; for they watch for your Souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Gal. 6. 6. Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Gen. 47. 22, 26. Only the land of the Priests bought he not: for the Priests had a portion assigned them of *Pharaob*, and did eat their portion which *Pharaob* gave them; wherefore they sold not their lands. And *Joseph* made it a law over the land of *Egypt* unto this day, that *Pharaob* should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not *Pharaob's*.

Ezra 7. 24. Also we certifye you, that touching any of the Priests, and Levites, Singers, Porters, Nethinims, or Ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom upon them.

1 Cor. 9. 7, Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a Vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8, Say I these things as a man? Or saith not the Law the same also?

9. For it is written in the Law of *Moses*, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the Ox, that treadeth out the Corn. Doth God take care for Oxen?

10, Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth, should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope, should be partaker of his hope.

11, If we have sown unto you spiritual things,

is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal Things?

13. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the Temple? and they which wait at the Altar, are partakers with the Altar?

14. Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

CH A P. XX.

§ 1. *Of the Duty of Husbands towards their Wives.*

Gen. 2. **T**He rib, which the Lord God had taken from Man, made he a Woman, and brought her unto the Man.

23. And *Adam* said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24. Therefore shall a Man leave his Father and his Mother, and shall cleave unto his Wife; and they shall be one flesh.

Matth. 19. 4. Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning, made them male and female?

5. And said, For this cause shall a Man leave Father and Mother, and shall cleave to his Wife; and they twain shall be one Flesh.

6. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joyned together, let not Man put asunder. *Mark* 10. 6, 7, 8, 9.

Gen. 24. 67. And *Isaac* took *Rebekah*, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

Col. 3. 19. Husbands, love your Wives, and be not bitter against them.

1 Pet.

1 Pet. 3. 7. Dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the Wife as unto the weaker Vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered.

Eph. 5. 25, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it.

28, So ought Men to love their Wives, as their own bodies: he that loveth his wife, loveth himself.

29, For no man ever yet hated his own flesh: but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church.

31. For this cause shall a man leave his Father and Mother, and shall be joyned unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

33. Let every one of you in particular, so love his wife, even as himself.

§ 2. *Of the Duty of Wives towards their Husbands.*

Col. 3. 18. Wives, submit your selves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

Eph. 5. 22, Wives, submit your selves unto your own Husbands, as unto the Lord.

23, For the Husband is the Head of the Wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church; and he is the Saviour of the body.

24. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own Husbands in every thing.

1 Pet. 3. 1, Wives, be in subjection to your own Husbands, that if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives.

2, While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3, Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning

dorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel :

4, But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5, For after this manner in the old time, the holy women also who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands;

6. Even as *Sarah* obeyed *Abraham*, calling him Lord.

1 *Tim.* 2. 12. I suffer not a woman to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Eph. 5. 33. Let the Wife see that she reverence her Husband.

CHAP. XXI.

§. I. *Of the Duty of Parents towards their Children.*

Gen. 18. **A** *Brabam* shall surely become a great 8, 9. and mighty Nation, and all the Nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. For I know him, that he will command his Children and his Household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord.

Deut. 32. 46. Ye shall command your children to observe to do all the words of this Law.

Gen. 30. 30. And now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

2 *Cor.* 12. 14. The children ought not to lay up for the Parents, but the Parents for the Children.

1 *Tim.* 5. 8. If any man provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an Infidel.

1 Sam. 3. 13, 14. I have told him, that I will judge his house for ever; for the iniquity which he knoweth: because his Sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of *Eli*, that the iniquity of *Eli's* house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

Deut. 6. 6. These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy Children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Psal. 78. 5, Thus when God established his Testimony in *Jacob*, and appointed his Law in *Israel*, he commanded the Fathers, that they should make them known to their Children:

7. That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his Commandments.

Prov. 22. 6. Train up a Child in the Way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Eph. 6. 4. Fathers, bring up your Children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Exod. 13. 8. And thou shalt shew thy Son in that day, saying, This is done, because of that which the Lord did unto me, when I came forth out of *Egypt*.

Prov. 20. 11. Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

Prov. 22. 15. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a Child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Prov.

Prov. 23. 13, With-hold not correction from the Child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not dye.

14. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his Soul from Hell.

Prov. 29. 15, The rod and reproof giveth wisdom: but a child left to himself, bringeth his mother to shame.

17. Correct thy Son, and he shall give thee rest: yea, he shall give delight unto thy Soul.

Prov. 13. 24. He that spareth his rod, hateth his Son; but he that loveth him, chasteneth him be-times.

Prov. 19. 18. Chasten the Son while there is hope: and let not thy Soul spare for his crying.

Eph. 6. 4. *Howbeit*, ye Fathers, provoke not your Children to wrath.

Col. 3. 21. Prove not your Children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

§. 2. *Of the Duty of Children to their Parents.*

Prov. 26. 20. My Son keep thy Father's Commandment, and forsake not the Law of thy Mother.

Lev. 19. 3. Ye shall fear every Man his Mother and his Father.

Jer. 35. 18, 19. And *Jeremiah* said unto the house of the *Rechabites*, Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of *Israel*; Because ye have obeyed the Commandment of *Jonadab* your Father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he hath commanded you: Therefore *Jonadab* the Son of *Rechab* shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

Gen. 46. 29. And *Joseph* made ready his chariot, and

and went up to meet *Israel* his Father, to *Goshen* ; and presented himself unto him.

Exod. 18. 7. And *Moses* went out to meet his Father in law, and did Obeisance, and kissed him.

1 Kings 2. 19. *Bath-sheba* therefore went unto King *Solomon*, to speak unto him for *Adonijab* : and the King rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the King's Mother, and she sat on his right hand.

Gen. 31. 35. *Rachel* said to her Father, Let it not displease my Lord, that I cannot rise up before thee ;——

Matth. 15. 4, 5, 6. God commanded, saying, Honour thy Father and Mother ; and, He, that curseth Father or Mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his Father or his Mother, It is a gift by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me, and honour not his Father or his Mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the Commandment of God of none effect by your Tradition. *Mark* 7. 10, 11, 12, 13.

Exod. 21. 15. He that smiteth his Father, or his Mother, shall be surely put to death.

Lev. 20. 9. Every one that curseth his Father, or his Mother, shall be surely put to death : he hath cursed his Father, or his Mother ; his blood shall be upon him.

Deut. 21. 18, 19, 20, 21. If a Man have a stubborn and rebellious Son, which will not obey the voice of his Father, or the voice of his Mother, and that when ye have chastened him, will not hearken unto them : then shall his Father and his Mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the Elders of his

his City, and unto the gate of his place : And they shall say unto the Elders of his City, This our Son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a Glutton, and a Drunkard. And all the men of his City shall stone him with stones, that he die.

Exod. 20. 12. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Eph. 6. 2, Honour thy Father and Mother, (which is the first Commandment with promise.)

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayst live in the Earth.

Prov. 1. 8, My Son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy Mother.

9. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thine head, and chains about thy neck.

Prov. 23. 22. Harken unto the Father that begat thee, and despise not thy Mother when she is old.

Eph. 6. 1. Children, obey your Parents in the Lord : for this is right.

Col. 3. 20. Children, obey your Parents in all things : for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

1 Tim. 5. 4. Let Children learn to requite their Parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

Deut. 27. 16. Cursed be he that setteth light by his Father, or his Mother.

Prov. 30. 17. The eye that mocketh at his Father, and despiseth to obey his Mother, the Ravens of the Valley shall pick it out, and the young Eagles shall eat it.

Exod. 21. 17. He that curseth his Father or his Mother, shall surely be put to Death.

Prov. 20. 20. Whoso curseth his Father or his Mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

C H A P. XXII.

§. 1. *Of the Duty of Masters towards their Servants.*

Gen. 18. **A**nd mighty Nation, and all the Nations of the earth shall be blessed in him.

19. For I know him, that he will command his Children, and his Household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord.

Josh. 24. 15. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.

Psal. 101. 9, Whoso leadeth a godly life, he shall be my Servant.

10. There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house: he that telleth Lies, shall not tarry in my sight.

Levit. 25. 43. Thou shalt not rule over thy Servant with rigour, but shall fear thy God.

Eph. 6. 9. Masters, forbear threatning; knowing that your master also is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him.

Col. 4. 1. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in heaven.

1 Tim. 5. 8. If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an Infidel.

§. *Of the Duty of Servants towards their Masters:*

Eph. 6. 5. Servants be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.

6, Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the

the Servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart ;

7, With good will doing Service, as to the Lord, and not to men :

8. Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Col. 3. 22, Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh ; not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God :

23, And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men ;

24, Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance : for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25. But he that doth wrong, shall receive for the wrong which he hath done : and there is no respect of persons.

1 Pet. 2: 18. Servants, be subject to your Masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

1 Tim. 6. 1. Let as many Servants as are under the yoke, count their own Masters worthy of all honour ; that the Name of God, and his Doctrine be not blasphemed.

Tit. 2. 9. Exhort Servants to be obedient unto their own Masters, and to please them well in all things ; not answering again,

10. Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity ; that they may adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

C H A P. XXIII.

Of Persevering in the Practice of all Christian Duties.

John **I**F ye continue in my Word, then are ye my
8.31. Disciples indeed:

James 1. 23, If a man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24, For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what Manner of Man he was.

25. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this Man shall be blessed in his deed.

Gal. 6. 9. Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Rem. 2. 7. For, to them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory, and honour, and immortality, God *will* render eternal Life.

1 Cor. 15. 58. Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your Labour is not in vain in the Lord.

PART

PART IV.

Of the four last Things, which are so many especial Motives to Perseverance in the Practice of all Christian Duties.

CHAP. I.

Of Death.

Eccles. **T**Here is a time to be born, and a time
3: 8. to die.

Psal. 89. 48. What Man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?

Job 30. 23. I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

Job 14. 1, Man that is born of a Woman, is of few days, and full of trouble.

2. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth as a shadow, and continueth not.

Psal. 103. 15, The days of Man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16. For as soon as the Wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Psal. 39. 5. Behold thou hast made my days as an hand-breath; and mine age is as nothing before thee: Verily every Man, at his best state, is altogether vanity.

Job. 7. 6. My days are swifter than a Weavers Shuttle.

Job 9. 25, My days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

26. They

26. They are passed away as the swift Ships ; as the Eagle that hasteth to the prey.

James 4. 14. What is your Life ? it is even a Vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Deut. 32. 29. O that Men were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end.

Heb. 9. 27. For as it is appointed for Men once to die ; So after this comes the Judgment.

CH A P. II.

Of the Last Judgment.

Eccles. 11. 9. **R**Ejoyce, O young Man, in thy youth ; and let thine heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth ; and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes : but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into Judgment.

Eccles. 12. 14. For God will bring every work into Judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

2 Cor. 5. 10. We must all appear before the Judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Acts 17. 30. God therefore now commandeth all Men every where to repent.

31. Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in Righteousness, by that Man whom he hath ordained ; whereof he hath given assurance unto all Men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Matth.

Matth 16. 27. For the Son of Man shall come in the Glory of his Father, with his Angels; and then he shall reward every Man according to his works.

John 5. 28, *Yea*, the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice:

29. And shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the Resurrection of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the Resurrection of Damnation.

2 Pet 3. 10, The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the Heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the Elements shall melt with fervent heat; the Earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burnt up.

11. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy Conversation and Godliness?

C H A P. III.

Of Hell.

Psal. **T**He wicked shall be turned into Hell, 9. 17. and all the people that forget God.

Matth 13. 41, The Son of Man shall send forth his Angels, and they shall gather out of his Kingdom all things that offend, and them that do iniquity,

42. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire.

Rev. 21. 8. The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murtherers, and whoremongers, and forcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

2 *Thes.* 1. 7. When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty Angels,

8, In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ;

9. *Then* they shall be punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

Matth. 25. 41. *And then* shall he say unto them, Depart from me, ye Cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels.

Matth. 13. 42. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 9. 44. *There* their Worm dieth not, and their fire is not quenched.

Rev. 14. 11. *But* the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever ; and they have no rest day nor night.

CH A P. IV.

Of Heaven.

Rom. 6. 23. **T**He gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 *Cor.* 5. 1, We know that if our earthly house of this Tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2. *And* in this we groan earnestly, desiring to be cloathed upon with our house, which is from Heaven.

Matth. 5. 8. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God ;

Psal.

Psal. 16. 11. In *whose* presence is fulness of joy, and at *whose* right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Rev. 21. 3, God himself shall be with them, and be their God:

4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Col. 3. 4. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory.

1 Cor. 15. 53. *Then* this Corruptible shall put on Incorruption, and this Mortal shall put on Immortality.

Phil. 3. 21. For Christ shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

1 John 3. 2. It doth not yet appear what we shall be : but we know, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him ; for we shall see him as he is.

Matth. 13. 43. Then shall the Righteous shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

2 Cor. 2. 16. But who is sufficient for these things ?

1 Cor. 2. 9. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entred into the Heart of Man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Pet. 1. 3, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to *this* lively hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ;

4. To

4. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for us.

For the Morning say this.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the Earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin: continually do cry.

Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty : of thy Glory.

The glorious Company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee.

The Father : of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver Man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's Womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers.

Thou

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbred with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord save thy people: and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded:

Glory be to the Father, &c.

For the Evening say this.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the Light of his Countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon Earth : thy saving Health among all Nations.

Let the People praise thee, O God : yea, let all the People praise thee.

O let the Nations rejoyce and be glad : for thou shalt judge the Folk righteously, and govern the Nations upon Earth.

Let

Let the People praise thee, O God: let all the People praise thee.

Then shall the Earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his Blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Both Morning and Evening say this:

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin *Mary*, suffered under *Pontius Pilate*, Was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into Hell: The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: the Holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the Body, And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*



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ABRIDGMENT

O F T H E

History of the B I B L E.

By the Author of a Book, Entituled, *A Treatise concerning the Causes of the present Corruption of Christians, and the Remedies thereof.*

C H A P. I.

Which takes in the Time that pass'd from the Creation of the World to the Flood.

THE World was created about four Thousand Years before the Birth Gen. I. of *Jesus Christ*. In six Days God made all the Creatures that are therein; and on the sixth Day he created *Adam*, who was the first Man. He made him after his own Image, and gave him Dominion over the rest of the Creatures :

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Adam

Adam, after his Creation was put into
 Ch. II. the terrestrial Paradise, otherwise called, the Garden of *Eden*, with *Eve* his Wife, who was formed out of one of his *Ribs*: And they had lived happy in that Place, if they had continued in their Innocence, and kept the Law that God had given them.

But *Adam* and *Eve* being fallen into
 Ch. III. Rebellion, thro' the Temptation of the Devil, and having broken the Commandment that God had given them, not to eat of the Fruit of a Tree, which was in the Garden of *Eden*, which the Scripture calls, *The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*; they lost their Innocence and their Happiness together, were made subject to Death, and driven by God out of the terrestrial Paradise. By this Fall of *Adam*, Sin and Death entred into the World; and all Men had been for ever miserable, if God had not taken pity of them. But God immediately promised,

Gen. III. 15. *That the Seed of the Woman should bruise the Serpent's Head*; that Men should be delivered from Sin, from Death, and from the Power of the Devil, by Jesus Christ, who should be born of a Virgin.

In the Book of *Genesis*, *Moses* tells
 Ch. IV, & V. us who were the Children and Descendants of *Adam*. We see by the History of those Times, that the Life of Men was then much longer than it is now; and that they liv'd many hundred of Years: But it may also be observed, that Sin began to reign in the World presently after the Creation: *Cain* the Son of *Adam*, slew his brother *Abel*, and had a wicked Posterity.

sterity. Nevertheless, God was known to; and worshipped by the Patriarchs, and especially in the Family of *Seth*, who was one of the Sons of *Adam*. Among these Patriarchs, the Scripture makes mention of *Enoch*, whom God took out of the World, so that he dy'd not : God having been pleas'd thereby to crown his Piety, and to teach Men, that there are Rewards after this Life for those that live well. But in Process of Time, the Posterity of *Seth* was corrupted likewise, and mingled with the wicked : The Earth was filled with Crimes, and the Corruption grew so great and general, that God sent the Flood, which drown'd the whole World, *Noah* excepted, who (being a Man that feared God) was, with his Family, preserved from this Inundation ; God having commanded him to build an Ark, in which he was shut up when the Flood came. The Memory of this Deluge is preserv'd not only in the holy Scriptures, but also among divers Nations of the World, as we may find in many ancient Histories. The Flood happened one thousand six hundred fifty six Years after the Creation of the World.

C H A P. II.

Of the Time between the Flood and the Call of Abraham.

NOAH being come out of the Ark after the Deluge, God made a Covenant with him, and

Gen. VIII. & IX.

gave a new Sanction to the Law of Nature, in order to turn Men from Wickedness and Vice:

Noah had three Sons, *Shem*, *Ham*,
Ch. IX. 18, and *Japheth*, and all the World was

19. Ch. X. afterwards peopled by their Posterity. The Descendants of *Shem* settled chiefly in *Asia*; those of *Ham* spread for the most part in *Africk*; and those of *Japheth*, in *Europe*. This is the Original of all the People of the World, as may be seen more at large in the Tenth Chapter of *Genesis*.

Some time after the Flood, Men
Chap. XI. undertook to build the Tower of *Babel*; but God confounded their Language; so that, not understanding one another any longer, they were dispers'd into divers Countries. Idolatry began about this time to prevail; and then God was pleased to choose a People, among whom the true Religion was preserv'd. For this purpose he called *Abraham*, who lived in the City of *Ur* in *Chaldea*. He appointed him to leave the Country wherein he was born; he engag'd him to serve him and fear him; he commanded him to go into the Land of *Canaan*, and he promised to give that Country to his Descendants; to multiply his Posterity; and that the *Messias* should be born of his Race. The Call of *Abraham* happened four hundred twenty seven Years after the Flood.

C H A P. III.

Of the Time between the Call of Abraham, and the
Going of the Children of Israel out of Egypt.

A *Brabam* being come into the Land of *Canaan*, tarried there some time with *Lot* his Nephew, without having any Child. This Country was then inhabited by the *Canaanites*, who were an idolatrous and a very wicked People ; particularly, the Inhabitants of *Sodom* (where *Lot* dwelt) were so wicked, and had committed Sins so horrible, that God destroy'd that City, after that he had brought *Lot*, with his Wife and Daughters, out of it. Fire from Heaven fell down upon *Sodom* and *Gomorrha*, so that these Cities, with their Inhabitants, and all the neighbouring Country, were burnt to Ashes.

When *Abraham* was an hundred Years of Age, *Isaac* his Son was born, by a supernatural Power. *Isaac* was the Father of *Jacob* ; and *Jacob* had twelve Sons, who were the Heads of the twelve Tribes or Families of the Children of *Israel*. The two most considerable of these Tribes were, afterwards, the Tribe of *Levi*, from which the Priests and Ministers of Religion were taken ; and the Tribe of *Judab*, which was the most powerful, which was for a great while possess'd of the Royal Authority, and was to subsist till the coming of Jesus Christ, from which also Jesus Christ was to be born.

Genesis, Chap.
XII, &c.

Chap. XIX.

Chap. XXI.

Joseph

Chap.
XXXVII, &c.

Joseph, one of the Sons of *Jacob*, having been sold, and carried into *Egypt*, through the Jealousy and Hatred of his Brethren; God raised him up to the chiefest Dignity of that Kingdom, by the means of the King of the Country. Some Years after, *Jacob*, the Father of *Joseph*, was constrained by the Famine that was in the Land of *Canaan*, to go and sojourn in *Egypt*, with all his Family. About this time lived *Job*, a Man illustrious for his Piety, and Patience under Afflictions.

Exod. I. &c.

After the Death of *Jacob* and *Joseph*, the Children of *Israel* increased and multiplied so exceedingly in *Egypt*, that King *Pharaoh* became jealous of them, and endeavour'd to destroy them. But God sent *Moses*, who having wrought many Miracles, and smote *Egypt* with ten Plagues, obliged *Pharaoh* to let the Children of *Israel* go out of his Territories. This Departure of the Children of *Israel* out of *Egypt*, happened four hundred and thirty Years after the Call of *Abraham*.

C H A P. IV.

Of the Time between the Going out of Egypt, and the Building of Solomon's Temple.

Exod. XIII.

XIV, &c.

THE Children of *Israel* being come out of *Egypt*, walked upon dry Land thro' the Red Sea; and *Pharaoh*, who pursued them, attempting to go thro' it after them, was there

there drowned with all his Army. Fifty Days after the Deliverance from *Egypt*, God published the Ten Commandments of the Law upon Mount *Sinai*. He gave afterwards the Political Laws to *Moses*, as also the Ceremonial Laws which the *Israelites* were to observe. God did not suffer the Children of *Israel* to enter into the Land of *Canaan* immediately after their coming out of *Egypt*; but they staid in the Wilderness forty Years under the Conduct of *Moses*.

Moses dying at the end of these *Jos. I. &c.* forty Years, *Joshua* succeeded him; and after having subdued the Nations and Kings that inhabited the Land of *Canaan*, he settled the *Israelites* in their stead. After the Death of *Joshua*, this People were govern'd by the Judges that God raised, from time to time, until the Prophet *Samuel* (who was the last of the Judges) set up *Saul*, the first King of the *Israelites*. After *Saul* reigned *David*, who was both a King and a Prophet; to whom succeeded *Solomon* his Son, who built the Temple of *Jerusalem*, four hundred and fourscore Years after the coming out of *Egypt*, and about a thousand Years before the coming of *Jesus Christ*.

CH A P. V.

Of the Time between the Building of Solomon's Temple, and the Captivity of Babylon.

AFTER *Solomon's* Death, *Rebo-* *I Kings XII. &c.*
boam his Son being set on
the Throne, ten Tribes of *Israel*

revolted;

revolted ; so that he ruled over two Tribes only, which were those of *Judah* and *Benjamin*. Thus there were two Kingdoms form'd ; the one, called the Kingdom of *Israel*, which comprehended the ten revolted Tribes ; the other, called the Kingdom of *Judah*, which consisted of the two Tribes that remained faithful to *Rehoboam*.

The Kingdom of *Israel* subsisted about two hundred and fifty Years : *Jeroboam* was the first King of it. This Prince fearing that his Subjects would return to the Obedience of *Rehoboam*, King of *Judah*, when they should go to *Jerusalem*, to the solemn Festivals, to worship God in the Temple, and to offer their Sacrifices there ; set up a false Worship in his Kingdom. He made two Golden Calves, which they worshipped under the Name of the God of *Israel*. He appointed solemn Feasts and Priests ; so that in the Reign of *Jeroboam*, and his Successors, Idolatry was established in the Kingdom of *Israel*. All the Kings of *Israel* were Idolaters, and kept up the false Worship which *Jeroboam* had establish'd. God sent several Prophets to the ten Tribes, to turn them from their Sins, and to preserve the Knowledge of himself among them. The most eminent of these Prophets was *Elijah* : He prophesy'd in the time of *Ahab*, who was one of the wickedest of the Kings of *Israel*. At last the Kingdom of the ten Tribes was
 2 Kings XVII. destroyed, and *Samaria*, their capital City, was taken in the time of *Hosea*, the last King of *Israel*, by *Salmanasar* King of *Assyria*, who carried away the ten Tribes into his own Kingdom, from whence they were dispers'd

pers'd iato divers Countries, and have never since been settled again in their own Land.

The Kingdom of *Judab* lasted an Hundred and thirty Years longer than that of *Israel*. The Capital City of this Kingdom was *Ferusalem*, where the true God was serv'd in the Temple of *Solomon*. But Idolatry crept in also into the Kingdom of *Judab*. God raised up Prophets from time to time, who oppos'd the Errors and Sins of that People, who threatned them with the Judgments of God, and foretold the coming of the *Messias*. *Isaiab* was one of the most eminent of these Prophets. There were also some good Kings, who endeavour'd to abolish Idolatry, as *Jeboshaphat*, *Hezekiab*, *Josiah*, and some others. But the People continuing in their Sins, God (after he had long threatned them, *2 Kings XXV.* and afflicted them at sundry times by the neighbouring Kings) destroyed also the Kingdom of *Judab*. *Nebuchadnezar* King of *Babylon*, besieged *Ferusalem* in the Reign of *Zedekiab*, the last King of *Judab*; he took it, and burnt it with the Temple, and carried away the People to *Babylon*, about four hundred and twenty Years after *Solomon* had laid the Foundation of the Temple of *Ferusalem*, and five hundred and fourscore Years before the Birth of our Lord.

C H A P. VI.

Of the Time between the Captivity of Babylon, and Jesus Christ.

Jer. XXV.

11, 12.

Dan. IX. 2.

*Esdrae I. IV,
V, &c.*

THE *Babylonish* Captivity lasted seventy Years, as the Prophet *Jeremiah* had foretold it should. When these seventy Years were expired, the *Jews* returned into their own Country, by the Leave of *Cyrus* King of *Persia*, under the Conduct of *Zorobabel*, to rebuild the Temple of *Jerusalem*. But in this they were interrupted by the neighbouring Nations, and this Work was delay'd to the time of *Darius* King of *Persia*, who commanded that the Temple, and the Service of God, should be set up again. The Prophets *Haggai* and *Zechariah* lived at that time, and they exhorted the *Jews* to labour in building the Temple. Some Years afterwards, *Nehemiah* went into *Judea*, by the Permission of King *Artaxerxes*: He caused the Walls of *Jerusalem* to be built, and restored Order and Civil Government in that City.

From the rebuilding of *Jerusalem*, in the Reign of *Darius*, to the Destruction of that City, which happened after the coming of Jesus Christ, there were seventy Weeks of Years, that is to say, four hundred and ninety Years, according to the Prediction of the Prophet *Daniel*. The *Jews* being returned in-

to their own Country, were, for some time, subject to the Kings of *Persia*, and afterwards to the Kings of *Syria*. They were expos'd to divers Persecutions, whereof the last and most cruel was that of King *Antiochus*, who plunder'd and profan'd the Temple of *Jerusalem*, and made use of Torments, in order to force the *Jews* to renounce their Religion; as may be seen in the History of the *Maccabees*. This was he that forced *Mattathias*, and many *Jews*, to enter into a Covenant together for the Preservation of their Religion and Liberty. They gained many Victories by the Courage and Conduct of *Judas*, *Maccabeus*, and *Jonathan*, both Sons of *Mattathias*. Having recover'd their Liberty, and again set up the Exercise of their Religion, they were a long time under the Government of the Priests, who succeeded *Judas* and *Jonathan*, and took the Title of Kings. These are they who are called *Asmoneans*. At last, the *Jews* fell under the Domination of the *Romans*, who made *Herod* King over *Judea*: and it was this *Herod* that reigned when *Jesus Christ* came into the World.

1 Mac. I.

2 Mac. V,

VI, VII.

C H A P.

C H A P. VII.

*Of the Birth of Jesus Christ; of his Life and Death;
his Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven.*

THE Time, in which God had resolved to send his Son, being come, *Jesus Christ* was born in *Judea*; and many things fell out, that made his Birth remarkable: Nevertheless he did not quickly make himself known to the *Jews*; nor did he begin to exercise his Ministry before he was Thirty Years of Age, and that he had been baptized by *John the Baptist*, his Forerunner. We have the History of the Life of *Jesus Christ* in the Gospel; and there are three things principally to be consider'd in this History, *viz.* the Doctrine of *Jesus Christ*, his Miracles, and the Holiness of his Life. The Doctrine he preach'd was most holy, and tends only to the Glory of God, and the Good of Mankind. He wrought a great Number of Miracles, which manifested an infinite Power and Goodness. By these Miracles he has made it appear, that he was the Son of God; and that his Doctrine was true. His Life was perfectly holy. We may find therein an Example of all kind of Virtues, and particularly of an admirable Charity and Humility, of an extraordinary Zeal, and of a perfect Indifference for the World.

Jesus having lived after this manner among the *Jews* for about the Space of four Years, they crucified him, and put him to Death at the Feast of the Passover; but he rose again the third Day after his Death; and forty Days after his Resurrection

tion, he ascended into Heaven, where he sits at the Right Hand of God, and from whence he sent the Holy Ghost to his Apostles upon the Day of *Pentecost*.

C H A P. VIII.

Of the Preaching of the Apostles, and the Establishment of the Christian Religion.

THE Apostles having received the Holy Ghost in the City of *Jerusalem*, began to preach the Gospel there, and to confirm their Doctrine by Miracles. At first they preach'd only in *Judea*, and to none but *Jews*. But God having made known to them, that the Christian Religion ought to be taught to all Men, they went to preach the Gospel throughout the World. The Apostles met with *Jews* in almost all the Places where they came, this Nation having been dispers'd for a long time in divers Countries. 'Twas to the *Jews* of the Dispersion, that the Apostles did at first address themselves, as the Book of *Acts* shews us; and 'twas to them that they wrote many Epistles. Nevertheless they invited all sorts of People, without distinction, as well *Gentiles* as *Jews*, to the Profession of the Gospel; and they baptiz'd all those that would become Christians, *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*. This is the Substance of the Doctrine which the Apostles, and other Ministers of Jesus Christ, did preach; namely, That there is but one only God, who created Heaven and Earth: That this true God, who had not been sufficiently known till then,

then, had made himself known to Men by Jesus Christ his Son: That this Jesus, who was crucified by the *Jews*, was risen again: That he was the Saviour of the World, the Judge of all Men; and that all those who would believe in him, should be eternally happy. This Doctrine was preach'd by the Apostles with such wonderful Success, that in a few Years, Christianity was establish'd in the principal Parts of the World.

As for the *Jews*, they were destroy'd and drove out of their Country. Forty Years after the Death of our Lord, the City of *Jerusalem* was taken by the *Romans*, and with the Temple there, laid in Ruins, as Jesus Christ had expressly foretold; the Judgments of God fell upon the *Jews*, who were dispers'd throughout the World; and since that time they have never been able to recover that Destruction, but it continues upon them to this Day.

C H A P. IX.

An Abridgment of the Christian Religion.

BUT in order to have a more exact Knowledge of the Religion preach'd by the Apostles, it must be known that they required two things from Men, and promised them also two things.

The Two Things which the Apostles required, were, that Men should believe, and that they should amend their Lives. They required, in the first Place, that Men should believe in God, and in Jesus Christ; that the *Gentiles* should forsake their Religion, and the Service of false Deities, and

and adore and serve none but the true God, the Creator of the World; that the *Jews* should acknowledge Jesus Christ for the *Messias* promised by the Prophets; and that *Jews* and *Gentiles* both should believe, that Jesus Christ came into the World for the Salvation of Men; to make Atonement for their Sins; to deliver them from Condemnation and Death; and to purchase for all them that believe in him, a Title to eternal Life; that they should receive his Doctrine as true; and that they should persevere in the Profession of it. The other thing which the Apostles required, was, that those who, till then, had lived very wickedly, should amend their Lives, and renounce their Sins; of which the Principal were, Impiety, Impurity, Intemperance, Cruelty, Covetousness, Injustice, Pride, Evil-speaking, the Love of the World, and Self-love. Those who were made Christians, renounc'd these Sins in receiving Baptism; and they promis'd to live in the Practice of Virtue and Holiness, and to obey the Commandments of Jesus Christ: Which may be reduc'd to these three Heads, Piety towards God, Justice and Charity towards our Neighbour; and Temperance, in regard to our selves.

Upon Condition that Men would acquit themselves of these two Duties, and would give Evidence of their Faith and Repentance, the Apostles promised them two things: First, That all their past Sins, committed in the time of their Ignorance, should be pardoned: Secondly, That God would receive them into his Covenant, and grant them Salvation and Life eternal. These are these two things that the Apostles gave Men Assurance

ance of by Baptism. But as for those that refus'd to become Christians; or that, being Christians, did not live as Jesus Christ had ordain'd, the Apostles declared, that they were excluded from Salvation, and were subject to Condemnation and Death eternal.

This is the Sum of the Christian Religion, as it was preach'd by the Apostles: 'Tis our Duty to adhere constantly to it, to love it, to do according as it directs, living godly in this World, and expecting our Salvation from the Mercy of God; that so when Jesus Christ shall come at the last Day, to render to every one according to his Works, we may escape the Punishments which this Religion threatens wicked People with, and partake of that Glory and everlasting Happiness which it promises to the Faithful.

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